Fall Prey
m Murder

How did the mob become so powerful?

"The mob taints everyone it gets hold of," said Clark Lovrien, Madison, head of the state crime laboratory and longtime FBI agent whose assignment included organized crime. He helped locate Buccieri's home when the FBI knew it existed somewhere on Lake Geneva but couldn't find it.

"The businessman finds himself caught in a trap, from time to time, when dealing with the organization," Lovrien continued.

Asserts Mob Lives on Small Favors

"The mob lives on little favors from politicians, businessmen and others. Its corruption is subtle. It puts a man in a position where the mob did him a favor — and now the mob expects one back."

Of the Wisconsin group, Buccieri has the most feared reputation. He's tough and mean, but doesn't particularly look it, his eyeglasses fooling some people.

"Don't use my name, please," one of his acquaintances told us. "My life wouldn't be worth 2c."

Another organization man, De George, is widely viewed as a grand old man of racketeering who deserves a rest. He's 71, but authorities question whether he's resting or working — using his estimated 5,000 acre Triple D ranch in central Wisconsin as a headquarters. Every year FBI agents go to the Big Flats-Friendship-Adams area to take a look.

Accardo Is a Friend

Anthony Accardo is among De George's friends, as is Sam Giancana, a Chicago syndicate big wheel. De George and mobster Pinelli are related through marriage.

Also among De George's friends was the late Joseph Di Bella, who died in 1964. Di Bella was head of the Grande Cheese Co. in Fond du Lac. Joseph Bonanno was a business partner.

Even today, Alex Semenas, Fond du Lac county district attorney, and County Judge Eugene F. McEssey argue about what happened to Leroy Sommers, 42, owner of the Full Cream Cheese Co. He was found dead in his partly burned out car near Fond du Lac six years ago. A hose led from the exhaust pipe of his 1960 convertible into a car window.

Semenas, deputy district attorney at the time, believes Sommers was murdered. McEssey, district attorney at the time, labeled it suicide because of personal and financial problems. McEssey today still says it was legally a suicide, but that Sommers was driven to kill himself.

"Pressured to Death"

"I am satisfied that Sommers was pressured to death," he said, adding that Sommers was deliberately squeezed by persons at Grande until "his sanity popped."

"They didn't have to murder him," the judge said.

At stake in the Fond du Lac area was Sommers' near monopoly on grade B milk. Farmers trusted Sommers, a native of the area, and sold him the grade of milk from which cheese is made. Grande, trying to expand, tried to get the farmers to change but they refused to leave Sommers.

"Sommers was a hometown boy," the judge said. "Grande people weren't. But they wanted that milk."

At the same time, Sommers had other problems — labor trouble, domestic difficulty and a shortage of cash. The cash dilemma was caused by his purchase of a second cheese factory in southern Wisconsin. It cost him $27,000 a month in payments, according to McEssey.

Also, Sommers "had cut corners himself," according to the judge. Much of the production from his Fond du Lac factory was irregular and underweight.

Became Dependent on Grande's Money

Thus, unable to distribute his production through other channels, he sold it to Grande — lots of it. He became dependent for cash on Grande.

"I think they led Sommers on deliberately," McEssey said. "Then suddenly, on the day of his death — that morning — they told him they would take no more of his cheese. Coming on top of everything else, he collapsed."

After his death, 60% of Sommers' milk run switched to Grande.

Of cases involving major hoodlums, the government feels happiest about the disposition of the one against Felix (Milwaukee Phil) Alderisio. Possibly No. 2 man in the Chicago mob, and No. 1 when he gives orders to Wisconsin chieftains, Alderisio started a [illegible] court appeals, going to jail for nearly five years.

Convicted of Extortion

He was convicted of attempting to extort $78,000 from a Denver attorney. He also is awaiting trial on a charge of defrauding a Chicago bank of $78,935.

Born in Yonkers, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1912, Milwaukee Phil cuts a dashing figure, particularly with women. He has curly hair, brown eyes. He speaks well, with few obscenities unless he's excited. He usually wears a sport coat and black knit shirt without a tie — even at social functions such as mob weddings.

In the 1940s he lived in Milwaukee, operating the Tasty Bar B-Q restaurant on 5th st. between Wisconsin and Wells and serving his apprenticeship before muscling his way to a higher post.

In Chicago, Milwaukee Phil is at home in the Eros lounge, the Playboy club and Rush st. saloons. In Milwaukee, he's familiar with the east side and downtown.

He's a friend of Balistrieri's. They have been seen together and court testimony has linked them. Balistrieri has visited Alderisio's office at 645 N. Michigan st., Chicago. In fact, the FBI eavesdropped on them there. FBI agents overheard the two discussing what to do about highjacked fur pelts, several thousand of them.

$85,000 Fee Reported

It is reported that Alderisio paid $85,000 to Atty. Maurice Walsh of Chicago to defend Balistrieri on income tax charges. Walsh, irritated by such talk, announced in court one day that it was none of the government's business what he got.

Balistrieri's importance is summed up by Siragusa, head of the Illinois crime investigating commission, whose experience in the field spans some 30 years.

"Phil Alderisio, like Fifi (Buccieri), wouldn't be seen with some punk," Siragusa said. "You can tell when a hood had graduated by the company he keeps.

"Alderisio is not wasting his time to talk to any crumb. He only travels in the best of circles."

Socially, Aderisio may walk with "the best" but in business he stoops low. Since 1929 he's been arrested 36 times—auto theft, gambling, assault, assault and battery, loan sharking, murder, conspiracy to murder, narcotics and burglary. He was a suspect in more than a dozen murders but had never been convicted of one. He was convicted of a felony once before his present troubles. That was a federal tax violation for which he received one year's probation.

Financier Alderisio Backs Loan Sharks

Alderisio is a financier. He backs juice operators — loan sharks who charge interest ranging from 20 to 2,000% from persons who can't borrow the money through legitimate channels. He also has a reputation as a "sham" man. Skamming is the technique of [illegible] quire merchandise on credit and then going into "controlled," fraudulent bankruptcy for huge profits.

To Virgil Peterson, executive director of the Chicago crime commission and former FBI agent, Alderisio is a pet peeve.

Peterson attributes some of the recent attempts of the underworld to get into the stock market to Alderisio. The idea is to compromise a stock broker victim — with women or other means—or select a broker who would close his eyes to an illegality to make a quick financial killing.

Form PM-9E
11/09

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM

Date: 09-28-18

COPY

TO: Cold Case Unit

FR: Latent Print Examiner Richard C. Jacobs

CC:

RE: Latent Case #72-15884, 72-15915. 72-15916, 72-15931 / M #944

THIS INCIDENT SUPPLEMENT IS COMPLETED BY LATENT PRINT EXAMINER RICHARD C. JACOBS, ASSIGNED TO THE FORENSICS DIVISION, DAY SHIFT.

On Thursday, September 27, 2018, I began to examine the latent cases associated with a homicide which occurred at 2805 N. Humboldt Ave., on September 27, 1972. The victim was identified as Louis Fazio (M#944). The latent cases associated with the incident were 72-15884, 72-15915, 72-15916, and 72-15931

Examination of Latent Case 72-15884

Three lifts were located inside the latent case envelope. Each of the lifts was recovered with lift tape on black lift cards. The adhesive had degraded severely. All three lifts were only slightly held on to the lift cards, with most of the adhesive remaining on the card, and the plastic front hanging off. In order to preserve the lifts, I removed the plastic front of the tape separately, and placed them into separate DNA collection envelopes. These envelopes were labeled for each lift, and will remain in the latent case envelope should DNA testing be requested. The lifts were then covered in new lift tape for preservation.

Lift #1 found to be of insufficient quality for identification. The remaining impressions of sufficient quality from lifts #2 and #3 were processed in AFIS without identifications, and registered in AFIS for possible future identification.

Examination of Latent Cases 72-15915 / 15916

Both of these latent case envelopes were stapled together. The envelope labelled 72-15915 was empty, and no further work was done to it. Inside latent case 72-15916 were four photographic negatives with single matching photographic prints. Two negatives and photos are images of an envelope addressed to a Louis Fazio 1100 W. Wells St. Milw., Wis. The return address was box 1004 Milw, Wis 53201. A photograph of the back of the envelope has a Jan. 4, 1972 hand

stamp date on it, and the beginning of a sentence which was crossed out. The next photograph and negative is a hand written note. There are no visible latent impressions on the items within the photographs or negatives. Additionally, within the 15916 latent case envelope were four photographs of another letter and hand written note. The photographs were taken after the items were processed for latent prints. The letter envelope has no return address, and was addressed to Angelo Di Georgio 1821 N. Marshall St. Milwaukee, Wis. The other three photographs were of a hand written note, and close-ups of the latent impressions located on the letter. The case written down for the impressions was #15981. A complete set of negatives and photographs of the Di Georgio letter and note were found in the 72-15931 latent case envelope. No further work was done with the 72-15916 latent case.

Examination of Latent Case 15931

This latent case envelope listed it was regarding the Louis Fazio murder, and contained impressions recovered from an envelope and hand written letter addressed to Angelo Di Georgio of 1821 N. Marshall St. Milwaukee, Wis. There was no return address on the envelope. The latent case contained negatives and photographs of five separate images:

- An overall of Di Georgio addressed envelope
- An overall of a hand written note.
- A close-up of lift #1 on the Di Georgio envelope.
- A close-up of lift #2 on the hand written note.
- A close-up of lift #3 on the hand written note.

The case number listed on the close-ups of the lifts, and the overall of the hand written note was #15981. I am unable to determine from the information listed on, or contained within the latent case envelope, if use of this number was in error, or the 72-15931 envelope contains the lifts from latent case 72-15981. Examination of the images revealed lifts #1 – 3 were of sufficient quality for identification. A fourth impression of sufficient quality for identification was found on the overall of the front of the Di Georgio envelope. The impressions of sufficient quality were processed in AFIS without identification, and registered in AFIS for possible future identification.

FORM PP-32 30M-SETS 4-72

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PROPERTY INVENTORY

No. 401583

Property received or recovered: Date 8-18 19 73 Time 3:39 P. M. Bureau Dist. No. D.B.

Prisoner (LAST NAME) (FIRST NAME) (MIDDLE) (ADDRESS) Age

Taken or obtained from KAREN (NAME) DIESLER RTE #2 (ADDRESS) ELKHART LAKE

Owner or claimant (NAME) (ADDRESS)

Found or recovered at ELKHARDT LAKE (NUMBER AND STREET OR PLACE)

Lost, stolen, abandoned, confiscated, safekeeping, prisoner's property, evidence (ENCIRCLE ONLY ONE TYPE OF PROPERTY HELD)

Held on charge of

Circumstances involved: Below listed shirt given to us by above (INCLUDE NAME OF OFFICERS MAKING ARREST) person may be from suspect of a homicide

Arrested or recovered by Thomas Hultgren & Gordon Adamczewski Bureau Dist. No. D.B.

Item	Quantity	Article	Description of property (include identification marks)	Value
1	1	Shirt	Pink partially burned	.50
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3				
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In accordance with Rule 38, Section 12 of the Department Rules and Regulations, the property listed above has been marke for identification by the undersigned in the following manner: T.H.

Report made by officer Det Thomas Hultgren

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

DATE August 7, 1973

TO File

FROM E. Michael McCann

SUBJECT Frank Deisler

At det. Gordon Adamczewski's request I called United States Attorney Francis Sharron of the Eastern District of New York. His telephone number is His address is 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, New York, 11201.

Sharron confirmed that Deisler in fact had been a key witness for them in numerous cases. He mentioned 47 post office burglaries and 5 bank robberies. As I recollect, he said Deisler sent 11 people to jail. He also said Deisler had some knowledge but not involvement in murders. He stated that Deisler had a credibility problem but that they did use him where they could independently confirm the information given.

Deisler has recently given a statement to Gordon Adamczewski relating to $100,000 in money orders. He told Adamczewski that a man named Freudigger was involved. Sharron confirmed that Freudigger was an associate of Deisler's and that Freudigger was from Long Island.

Sharron has sent a letter to a Mr. Fulton, Assistant Regional Director of the F.B.I. in the Milwaukee area. He is apparently an assistant to Special Agent in Charge Hoxie.

Sharron confirmed that after Deisler's testimony he was moved out to the Milwaukee area.

Deisler is the man's correct name.

Apparently Sharron has received a letter from Deisler which he has forwarded to Fulton. In that letter, Deisler apparently makes an admission about a bank robbery but denies the rape cases pending against him. Sharron would prefer that the letter and himself not get involved in the matters down here.

Apparently in the letter or by some other communication, Deisler has advised Sharron that he was burned in a money orders deal here. All that Sharron could remember was that the individual who burned Deisler had a brother who was a sergeant in the traffic division of the Milwaukee Police Department. Apparently Deisler has been involved in money orders before, Sharron mentioning a $40,000 money order deal.

I advised Sharron that we had a small Mafia family here in the Milwaukee area and inquired whether or not he felt Deisler was of the caliber that would be associating with these individuals. He said yes.

EMMpbc

ADDRESS REPLY TO
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
AND REFER TO
INITIALS AND NUMBER

RAM:FJS:mb

United States Department of Justice

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
FEDERAL BUILDING
BROOKLYN, N. Y. 11201

August 6, 1973

Herbert E. Hoxie,
Special Agent-In-Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Room 700-Federal Building
U. S. Courthouse
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Attention: Special Agent Fulton

Re: Frank Deisler

Continental Standard Savings & Loan Assn.
6500 N. 76th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 4, 1972

First Wisconsin National Bank
Southgate, Wisconsin
November 1, 1972

Dear Mr. Fulton:

The enclosed was received at our office and concerns a bank robbery perpetrated in your area by one Frank Deisler. The contents include a handwritten admission concerning one of the above bank robberies. Please see that this material is turned over to the proper authorities.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT A. MORSE
United States Attorney

By: Francis J. Sheerin
Francis J. Sheerin
Assistant U. S. Attorney

Encls.

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After being arrested, DEISLER furnished information concerning the BRs and burglaries and offered to testify against his accomplices. On motion of the Strike Force, EDNY, DEISLER was granted immunity from prosecution and placed in protective custody pending completion of prosecution of his accomplices. It is believed that DEISLER was released from protective custody approximately one year ago and his whereabouts since then are unknown although it is believed that he went to the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, area shortly after his release.

Of the eight individuals involved with DEISLER in BRs, all are dead or serving prison sentences with the possible exception of RONALD FRANCIS SAMORAY, FBI # 461 035C, who received a 20 year sentence, execution suspended, for the BR violation, but who may have received a prison sentence on a postal violation.

For the information of any office which has occasion to interview DEISLER, it should be noted that when DEISLER initially furnished information to BuAgents concerning the NY BR matters, he falsely implicated two individuals who were not involved because of a personal grudge he held against them and it was only after independent investigation disclosed the true identities of the then Unsubs did DEISLER furnish correct information in that regard. Other information furnished by DEISLER concerning other subjects was correct and factual.

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Tue. morn

Frank,

Spoke to George today & explained to him about everything out here. I don't know who to turn to except you & him because of Franklin's record. Even our lawyer is dead set against helping Franklin. He went to his doctor last & they agreed it. Franklin said if it comes up that he did it he will accept the results but he feels & I do too he is not a rapist & deserves every chance. Please help! Really don't know what you can do

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but his past history is out in the open
& he is being threatened by not only inmates
but guards. He said he thought he
had it do anyone a favor & end it all
for him. But fortunately it didn't work
out. He is so upset & nothing I hope for
when we help him out.

Now are those report for the
hospital. You Decide if you think he is
capable of Transport & Offense. He
said he did the robbery & told me why
but didn't do the ~~open~~ rapes & I
believe him. Could you see what you
can do. Thanks again

Tim

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Dear Frank,

How's it going? Any big cases lately? Will you better get on the ball, there's a lot of dope you have to get off the streets. Frank, the reason I am writing is this; I spoke to Karen today, And I told her that if had to tell you — the truth is that I could do that Kathy, I'm not insane, And I am not suffering from amnesia. That was my defense, And I - - - - - stands. But I am not guilty of those rape charges. I mean it looks bad, but I did not do it. Karen went to great lengths to establish my

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time, and this was before it was an item. This police officer was charging $1,000, they said they'd give him all the charges dismissed if he'd take the charges with 45 days, and after 11 months, he was out there, and he saw the other guy and he confessed. And this guy was practically identified by his eyes and the vehicle. He did do the robbery though, but he was really in Green Bank. After that happened in August, I had to get up with Arnold $3,000 to the lawyer for that case, and he didn't work out with the DA. He tried to get a lot after that, and did have three of them, one as a salesman, a truck driver,

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Including pictures, down here in Milwaukee, but each time I was layed up, or rather I should say fired because of my sheet. Every time the report would come back from the retail Credit Co, A reporting firm that gives employers & insurance companys dossiers on there employees & Clients I would get fired. Wasn't that happy, I honestly didn't want to, I hope you believe that. It's just that every thing closed in on me, And I had no real Choice. Besides paying off the lawyer, I had to make sure that Karen & my daughters

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kind of hung yet focused on the
stock. That was important to
me because, if I had to make
Certain of that, and if I couldn't
get it set. Like if I had taken,
it was really my own fault.
If I should have known this
years ago that Monday I
should want to be straight
and have a family, if I could
possibly, must have done the
things I did in the past. I
really stretching my mind, that
when I turned around in N.J.,
I would be like every body
else, but I was wrong. If I
always have that damn rap
sheet to live with. Believe me
Frank, if I could find a fat
where they knew about my record,
I would, and I did it.

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if I ever get out of this mess,
I told him we start to move,
And I have to find a spot
where they accept pleas. If
really love it out here, but
After all the publicity I get
it would be impossible to
live here and stay alive. When
August that county DA made
a statement to the press, "This
is just the tip of the iceberg,
there is strong evidence that this
man is establishing organized
crime on the insurance industry
scale in Illinois." Since that
day I have had no peace, and
they County still think we
prosecutors meant these.

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What now if get involved with the guy if get hustled with. You're supposed to obey the judicial system, because they granted him a suspended sentence. He's had nine, because he's got a clean shirt, and he's suicidal. Cuz anyway, now that it's out what if did in New York, there no way we can live like this. There just too much static about it. Like I said, the backs of the wall. If if get probation, I'm just going to have to take the gun in violation, because if it never make it out of the joint. These damn kids still keeps out here on bail, at last in New York they all somewhat civilized, so you can imagine how they out here.

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So far I haven't had to much trouble, just a few incidents, but I'm very proud to keep by myself. I can remember the time I would fight in a second, but I'm just not as tough as I used to be. I just avoid them. I got a blanket party once, but it didn't result in any real harm. Cain was upset because I had a black eye, but I calmed her down. I may ask the sheriff to put me into isolation, but I hate to do that because then I would be locked in 24 hours a day, and only left out to take a shower twice a week. So, for the time being, I'm working

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the pictures of the Situation. I made a nice good friend while here, a young priest. He's trying to get me to have accepted by the Church so I can receive the Sacraments. He's really fine guy. But you know that the Church has certain laws that rigid these things. I shouldn't believe it, I will anyways, he's going to try & help me, but if I do I'm back out, he's going to try & make arrangements for me out of state for it. Well Camille, I'll let you get back to work now, But stay up these things with Hampton. Ali — I don't forget Buy this!

Your friend,
Frank

P.S. I'll write again when I find more out. And "No Sex Pics".

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STATE OF WISCONSIN : CIRCUIT COURT : MILWAUKEE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF:

FRANK DEISLER,

01 074 2741

Upon representations made to me,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

That the said FRANK DEISLER, be released from the custody of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, to the custody of Officer Thomas Hultgren and Officer Gordon Adamczewski of the Milwaukee Police Department, for the period of 6:30 a.m. on July 17, 1973, and 7:00 p.m. on July 17, 1973, for the purpose of transporting him to Madison, Wisconsin, for a polygraph examination in connection with a pending investigation.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 16th day of July, 1973.

BY THE COURT:

Christ T. Seraphim

Christ T. Seraphim
Circuit Judge

STATE OF WISCONSIN : MILWAUKEE COUNTY : CIRCUIT COURT

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STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Plaintiff,

v.

ORDER TO PRODUCE DEFENDANT

FRANCIS DEISLER,

Defendant.

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WHEREAS, for purposes of investigation the availability of the abovenamed defendant to the Milwaukee Police Department is necessary on June 9, 1973 and the abovenamed defendant is now imprisoned in the Milwaukee County Jail,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Milwaukee County Sheriff tender over said defendant to the Milwaukee Police Department, and more particularly Milwaukee Police Department officers Thomas Thelen, Gordon Adamczewski and Thomas Hultgren from 11:00 a.m. on this date to 8:00 p.m. on this date, return of said defendant to the Sheriff of Milwaukee County to be made not later than 8:00 p.m. on this date.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, this 9th day of June, 1973.

_____

Judge of the Circuit Court

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20537

OCCUPATION	EMPLOYER *(If U.S. Government, indicate military (give serial number) or civilian employing agency.)*
laborer	

RESIDENCE OF PERSON FINGERPRINTED

316 Fredonia Ave., Fredonia, Wis.

CURRENT ARREST OR RECEIPT

DATE ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE OR OFFENSE (If code citation is used it should be accompanied by charge)	DISPOSITION OR SENTENCE (List FINAL disposition only. If not now available, submit later on FBI Form R-84 for completion of record.)
10-19-68	SHEBOYGAN SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT No valid drivers license FBI submitted NO PREVIOUS RECORD IN FBI FILES	FOR INSTITUTIONS USE ONLY Sentence expires

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If arrest fingerprints sent FBI previously and FBI# unknown, furnish arrest # _____ Date _____

If COLLECT wire reply or COLLECT telephone reply is desired indicate here:

☐ Wire reply ☐ Telephone reply Telephone Number including area code _____

Please Paste Photograph In This Space

available from Sheriffs Office, Sheboygan Wis.

Since photograph may become detached indicate name, date taken, FBI number, and arrest number on reverse side whether attached to fingerprint card or submitted later.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. FORWARD ARREST CARDS TO FBI IMMEDIATELY AFTER FINGERPRINTING FOR MOST EFFECTIVE SERVICE.
2. TYPE or PRINT all information.
3. Note amputations in proper finger squares.
4. REPLY WILL QUOTE ONLY NUMBER APPEARING IN THE BLOCK MARKED "YOUR NUMBER."
5. Indicate any additional copies for other agencies in space below - give their complete mailing address including zip code.

SEND COPY TO:

FD-249 (REV. 3-27-67)

Urbana, Illinois

4-30-73

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LEDY / D ADVISE COUNSEL

Will require anticonvulsant medications to control epileptic seizures during course of trial.

OK

DEISLER, FRANK JOHN | 1-8-39 | 5-8

LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | MIDDLE | DOB. | TIER

(ALIAS): None | AGE: 34 | BIRTHPLACE: New York | SEX: M | RACE: Cau | LOG NO. 00368

RESIDENCE CITY: Rt 1, Plymouth, Wis | PHONE: 893-8870 | MARITAL STATUS: Marr | SPOUSE: Karen | PR. BK.: 1st

SOCIAL SEC. NO. | US. CIT.: yes | HGT.: 5-9 | WGT.: 195 | EYES: Blu | HAIR: Brown | COMPLEXION: Med | DR. LIC. STATE: Wisc.

TIME RECEIVED: 11:40AM

OFFENSES	CASE #	COURT	BAIL
Armed Robbery	H-7991	CR18	$10,000W/S
ABDUCTION	H-8028	CO-12	$10,000
SEX PERV	H-8028	"	$5000
RAPE	H-8028	"	$15,000
RAPE	H-8028	"	$15,000
THEFT (PTAC)	H 8061	CO 12	$2500 w/s

HOLDS (SEE FILE): City of Sheboygan(FO) | Sheboygan Co.
WASHINGTON CO. (FO)
MILWAUKEE CO. COMMIT
(EST: 3/12/73)

CASE CONTINUED (TO): 3/19 7/23 CR 17
(2-5) 1-29/ 2-22 2-28 3-2 3-8PM 3/19 7/23
3-1 MPDL 1. 60/days/CENT./STATE///3/81

DATE	TIME	FINAL DISPOSITION
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6	1-29-73	Dismissed w/o prejudice CO-3
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SHIPPED DATE TIME: 3/9/73 Transf Cent. State Kazmic

ARRESTING OFFICER: Bilda | DEPARTMENT: MCSD | BOOKED BY: LANGO

- MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL REGISTRATION RECORD -

LOYER	EMP. ADDRESS	OCCUPATION	EMP. PHONE
)eisler Insurance Agency	546 Grand Ave	ort Washington Wisc.	284-0011

MERGENCY NOTIFY (ADDRESS, PHONE, RELATIONSHIP) — RELIGION: Cath

Jife Samemassubject

ORNEY	PHONE NO.	PARENTS
Wm. Sweitlik		Anna, Frank

THERS AND SISTERS (NAMES): Jilliam, Carol,

IDENTIFYING MARKS, SCARS, TATTOS: Scar left shoulder

LDREN (NAMES):)ewayne, Debbie, Deneise, Dana,

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF, JAILOR OR HIS DEPUTIES TO OPEN AND CENSOR ALL MY MAIL AND PACKAGES

SIGNATURE [signature] WITNESS [signature]

E.S ARRESTED	TIMES COMMT.	MAXIMUM TIMES SERVED WHEN AND WHERE	VET. (BR.)	V.A. PEN.
12	~~2~~ 1	2½-5 Sing -Sing State Prison New York	No	None

FFENSE - DATE - SENTENCE	G.T. REL.	F.T. REL.

MARKS: [illegible] Court at [illegible] Jail/Safekeep

/8/73 Central State Hosp for 60 days exam

5-8-73 Returned to County Jail.

RIGHT INDEX FINGERPRINT	RIGHT INDEX FINGERPRINT
IN Cir 11	OUT

GNATURE - TO BE SIGNED ON RELEASE	WITNESS
	DATE

01 074 2748

DEISLER, FRANK (Inmate)
LAST NAME, FIRST, MIDDLE

TIER NO. 58

ATTORNEY VISITOR PASS

This pass is authorization to admit the named attorney to the Milwaukee County Jail for purpose of consultation with the inmate whose name appears above.

ATTORNEY _____
(SIGNATURE)

Authorized by Lt. Alvin H. Petersen
NAME & TITLE

Please present this pass at Milwaukee County Jail, Room 238. You must be issued a pass at the Jail Administrative Officer, Room 312, prior to each visit. Pass will entitle you to visit only the named inmate.

LEAVE THIS PASS WITH DOOR OFFICER WHEN YOU LEAVE JAIL

1248-1

VISIT RECORD

TIME IN	DATE	TIME OUT
9:30 AM	JAN 16 1975	5:40 PM

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DEISLER, FRANK JOHN (Inmate) TIER NO. [illegible]
(LAST NAME, FIRST, M. INITIAL)

MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL – VISITOR PASS

☐ PARENT
☒ SPOUSE
☐ CHILD
☐ OTHER

Karen Diesler (wife) RT 1, PLYMOUTH, WIS. BOX 90
(NAME) (ADDRESS)

Visitor's Signature Karen Diesler Wife

The person named herein has been authorized to visit the inmate as named above.

LT. ALVIN H. PETERSEN
Per [signature] Date 1/13/73

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Sister Karen Geeden, O.S.F. (NAME) 901 S. Ashland Chicago, Ill (ADDRESS)

Visitor's Signature Sister Karen Geeden Clergy

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FR. GEO. MYSZEL (NAME) 941 N. Lincoln Elkhart Lake (ADDRESS)

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LAST NAME, FIRST, MIDDLE

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ATTORNEY _____ (SIGNATURE)

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DEISLER, FRANK (Inmate) TIER NO. HC

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ATTORNEY Morton Grodsky (SIGNATURE)

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LAST NAME, FIRST, MIDDLE

TIER NO. HC

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Lantz Robert 7335 So Lovers Lane Hales Corners
(NAME) (ADDRESS)

Visitor's Signature Robert B. Lantz Clergy

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Dina Deisler Rt #1. Plymouth, Wis
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ROBERT W. LANDRY
CIRCUIT JUDGE
SAFETY BUILDING
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53233

October 10, 1977

Inspector Kenneth Hagopian
Detective Bureau
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:

Certain properties were seized as a result of a search warrant issued by this Court under date of March 25, 1976. The search covered the premises of Dominic Mandella located at 168 West Clovernook.

Based upon proceedings conducted in Branch 6 of the Circuit Court, it is now ordered that the property seized as a result of that search now be released to the rightful owner who the Court delcares to be Thomas Busalacchi.

Sincerely yours,

Robert W. Landry,
Circuit Judge,Br. 6

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Hint DeStefano tie to another murder

By Art Petacque

Louis Fazio knew too much about his old pal Sam DeStefano, investigators said Monday, and that is why he was gunned down two weeks ago in gangland style.

Fazio, the operator of a Milwaukee supper club, became close to DeStefano from 1942 to 1956, when they were both serving time in the Wisconsin State Prison at Waupun.

In 1961 Fazio found out that William Jackson, then a juice collector for DeStefano, was meeting with federal agents, apparently to keep them up to date on DeStefano's underworld activities. Fazio loyally told DeStefano what he had learned. Soon afterward Jackson was hung on a meat hook, tortured with cattle prods and slowly beaten to death. His naked, mutilated body was found in the trunk of an auto. Investigators said Fazio heard DeStefano brag that he was responsible for the murder.

Now a Cook County grand jury is hearing evidence on the Jackson murder gathered by Robert Novelle, chief of State's Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan's criminal division; Nicholas Motherway, head of Hanrahan's organized crime unit, and Supt. Richard Gliebe of the Illinois Bureau of Investigation.

The grand jury has already indicted DeStefano, his brother, Mario, and crime syndicate hit man Anthony Spilotro on charges of murdering juice collector Leo Foreman in 1963. Foreman was shot twice and stabbed six times with an ice pick.

The key witness in the Foreman case is another former juice collector, Charles Crimaldi. Mobsters tried to kill Crimaldi last year when they learned he was giving information to the old Illinois Crime Investigating Commission.

Investigators said DeStefano, who at 63 is in failing health, does not think he could survive a second murder trial (in the Jackson case) on top of the first trial (in the Foreman case).

DeStefano remembered that Fazio knew he had a motive for wanting Jackson killed, investigators said. Just before his indictment last month in the Foreman case, he went to Milwaukee to talk to Fazio.

Fazio's body, with four bullets in it, was found in a parking lot behind his Milwaukee home at 6:45 a.m. on Sept. 27. Investigators said they were convinced that associates of DeStefano killed Fazio while DeStefano was behind prison bars.

Investigators were originally surprised that DeStefano did not want to get out of prison by meeting bond. When Fazio was killed, they reasoned that DeStefano may have wanted an alibi.

Spilotro was released on bond on the Foreman murder charge six days before Fazio was slain.

Now that Fazio's murder is two weeks gone, DeStefano may try to get out on bond, investigators said. But this may depend on the mood of Milwaukee gangsters, because Fazio was popular with them.

Fazio managed the Iron Horse Restaurant. Frank Buccieri, crime syndicate gambling boss in Chicago whose brother, Fiori, is one of Chicago's most powerful mobsters, had tried to operate a steak house near Fazio's restaurant.

But after Buccieri found a bullet hole in his car and his tires slashed, he decided to buy a steak house in North Riverside, just west of Chicago, instead.

Fazio, 58, had a history of arrests that dated back to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon when he was 19.

He was sentenced to 10 years in prison in 1942 in connection with a white-slavery ring, when he was accused of buying a 15-year-old girl for $150 as a prostitute. In prison he met DeStefano, who was serving time on a bank robbery conviction.

Death Knocks Twice at Mob Leader's House

Crime-Lords - Series

By ALEX P. DOBISH and
THOMAS G. LUBENOW
of The Journal Staff

Violence is no stranger to James Don Vincenzo De George.

He was first arrested in 1922 in connection with the gang murder of Frank Fondanetta in Chicago. No indictment was returned. De George remained free to become a high level syndicate man who found peace and quiet near Friendship, Wis., about 175 miles northwest of Milwaukee.

In 1946 violence struck closer. His brother-in-law, Frank Tallo, was gunned down in Murphy's lounge, a gaudy Chicago saloon, by two men who emptied their revolvers into Tallo's head and chest.

In 1952 death became personal. De George's oldest son, Dominick, then 21, was killed in a smashup of a pickup truck from his father's cattle ranch. Victor (Bunk) Travis, who had associated with Dominick, disappeared and has not been reported seen since.

Roy Burgess, arrested in connection with the disappearance, subsequently was found shot to death in a Chicago hotel room. The case is not closed, and every year new clues are checked.

Son Dies in Fire

Death knocked again in 1966. De George's other son, Vincent, then 28, died in a fire that destroyed the De George home at 3716 N. Kedvale av., Chicago. Among guests at the funeral were Felix (Milwaukee Phil) Alderisio, a top outfit leader; Dominic DiBella, Chicago vice and gambling operator, and Anthony Pinelli, west coast racketeer and De George's son-in-law.

James De George doesn't appear to be the old motion picture stereotype of a syndicate chief. At 71 he looks like Winston Churchill, cigar and all. He's stout. He's polite and speaks softly. He usually wears a cowboy hat in Friendship, Big Flats or Adams — De George country. He drives his big blue 1969 Cadillac himself.

Finger in Pie

"He's very pleasant, De George is," said Sheriff Wilbur Pace of Adams county. "He always hands you one of those cigars, big cigars. He asks you if you smoke. If you say you do, he'll hand you a cigar."

Despite his age, De George still has his finger in the mob pie, authorities believe. Each year, the FBI runs a special investigation on him. His name turns up before congressional committees investigating rackets and in police investigations and hearings.

Only recently, Leo Manfredi, a suspected Chicago assassin, was questioned at a hearing by the Illinois crime investigating commission.

Q. Did James De George finance you in the juice racket and charge you 1 to 5% weekly interest?

A. I refuse to answer on the grounds that it may tend to incriminate me.

Juice is the slang for illegal, excessive interest on loans otherwise hard to get. The borrower is squeezed until he's dry. Nonpayment has meant death.

5,000 Acres

De George began his Triple-D ranch — an estimated 5,000 acres — in 1948 when he acquired the first section in the town of Colburn. He has transformed the sandy soil with a network of canals and ditches — and more recently with a modern "rolling pipe" watering system — into prime cattle grazing and vegetable raising land. In 1964, he had 1,064 head. Since then, he's auctioned off about 400.

His spread, one of the biggest in the state, is seven miles straight east of Big Flats and 18 miles northwest of the twin communities of Adams and Friendship.

The whole area is sparsely settled. The heart of Big Flats is a crossroads at county trunk C and state highway 13. A combination grocery store-saloon is on the northwest corner; a big wigwam to attract tourists is on the southeast corner.

To the east of the ranch runs US 51. Two signs saying "Aberdeen Angus" with arrows pointing west are on county trunk C to help visitors who approach the ranch from that side.

No Armed Guards

There are no armed guards patrolling the ranch, as reported years ago. During our visit, there was only a frisky, tail wagging German shepherd near the main house, which appeared to be empty at that time of day.

Rep. William Dawson and former Rep. Leonard V. Libonati, both of Chicago, own property near De George. Dawson, who represents the policy ridden south side of Chicago, owns a farm which he rents and a few miles west of the ranch. Libonati owns 188 acres southeast of De George.

Libonati, 68, has a long record of association with syndicate figures. When he decided to seek re-election in 1964,

trikes Kin of Leader

there was speculation that syndicate leaders wanted him out. He also probably is the only congressman to be photographed with the late Al Capone.

Asking questions about De George and Libonati in their Wisconsin bailiwicks sometimes brings resentment of "city snoopers poking their noses in here."

In Coloma, where Libonati has his place — part of it is the old American Boys' camp for indigent youngsters — some people take umbrage at questions about him. In the local post office, a woman answered questions until another tugged at her dress and whispered in her ear. Then, the talk stopped and the women walked away.

Good Customer

In Pat and Sal's tavern in Coloma, Libonati is a good customer who got off to a bad start. The man behind the bar recalled his introduction to the Illinois congressman. Libonati had just tossed a $20 bill on the counter and ordered drinks for the half a dozen customers in the house.

"He looked rough and spit on the floor," the tavern man said. "When it happened the second time, I kicked over the spittoon so it landed next to him so'd he'd take the hint.

"Mr. Libonati then deliberately spit on the other side of the spittoon. 'Do you know who I am?' he yelled. 'I'm Congressman Libonati.'

"I told him I didn't care who he was. I told him not to spit on the floor again — and he didn't."

About De George, mouths close quicker. A waitress in Adams replied that "Mr. De George is a fine man," when asked about him, then turned her back and walked away.

De George Praised

A tavern owner allowed that De George was a credit. The man said De George and Mrs. De George visited in the home of the tavernkeeper's mother and bought "mother's fine needle point."

In the Big Flats-Adams-Friendship area much of the controversy over De George has died down. When he first moved there he was resented by many. Time and a fine public relations program brought big changes.

De George invested in Friendship Mobile Homes Co., one of the few industries there and saw to it that there was a Chicago market for some of its mobile homes. More local residents got jobs because of this. He contributed steers to various worthy causes. He turned useless land into productive acreage, putting it on the tax rolls, adding money to the municipal treasury.

Donations to School

He donated handsomely when the Colburn school district was building its new school, which was named after De George's dead son, Dominick. A plaque at the base of a flagpole in front of the wooden and brick building so attests.

When De George's syndicate connections were published a few years ago, Mrs. Etta Klusmeyer, principal of the De George school, was furious.

"The people of my district are good, decent, hardworking," she said.

"They voted to put up this modern school. They struggle to pay for it with hardworking tax money. . . .

"Mr. De George has been good to us trying hard to show he does want to help, that he really is not an outsider. He has donated money many times and has bought additions to our equipment — for the good of both school and community.

Christmas Party

"His big annual Christmas party for the district has become tradition already. . . ."

Some persons recognize De George's background. Among them is Edward Kulmatycki who operates that single tavern at the Big Flats crossroads. He tells a fascinating story which, after checking with authorities, turned out to be solid in fact.

To Kulmatycki, De George is "the big man down the road" whose son's death caused Kulmatycki some anxious moments. Kulmatycki — and the law, too — still want to know what happened to Victor (Bunk) Travis and Roy Burgess.

Travis, a hunter and guide in the Adams-Friendship area, had been a friend of De George's son, Dominick. He was with him, Sheriff Pace recalled, when their pickup from the ranch turned over not too far from Kulmatycki's saloon.

After the death, Kulmatycki became involved with Travis, Burgess "and that other Chicago guy" whose name Kulmatycki never knew. They prevailed on him to go hunting with them.

Kulmatycki said he became suspicious when he saw that the "other Chicago guy" was more interested in what he knew about the dead youth and the accident than in hunting. Kulmatycki said "that Chicago guy" at one point started to push shells into his rifle backwards because he was so occupied with questions.

Lock Jammed

Later, Kulmatycki said he tried to open the trunk of Burgess' car to put away 15 squirrels they had shot. Burgess refused to open it, claiming the lock was jammed and he couldn't open the trunk.

The next Sunday, according to Kulmatycki, Burgess asked him to guide. He refused and urged Travis not to go.

Kulmatycki never saw Travis again, or his Oldsmobile, but presumed Burgess had returned to Chicago. FBI agents came to Big Flats to question him about the hunting trip.

"Seven years later," the tavern owner said, "Burgess was arrested in Chicago. The FBI asked me to come down and identify him as the man who went hunting with Travis. I refused. I had been hounded by the FBI.

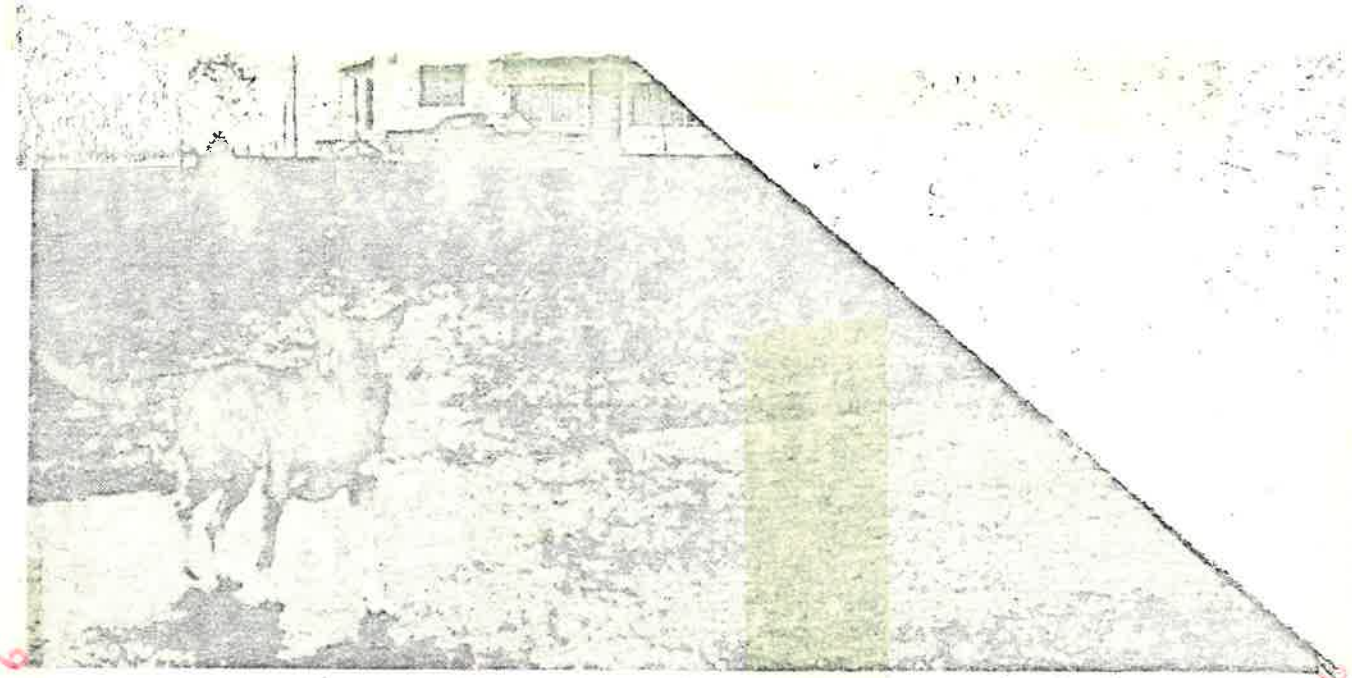
"Besides, I was fearful."

After his release by police, Burgess was found murdered in a ditch near Cicero. Travis and his Oldsmobile are still missing.

"It pops up once a year, I'd say," Sheriff Pace said. "So-called new clues, I mean, and we start working on the De George son case again."

Authorities Arrive

A startling development occurred in 1965 when authorities swarmed over the farm of Edward Gein, who had been sent to prison years earlier for murder and grave robbing



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DE GEORGE'S HOME — A German shepherd ran in the front yard of James De George's frame home on his farm near Adams. Behind the home is a large complex of farm buildings.

in nearby Plainfield. A convict reported that Gein told him he had "buried Travis—car and all—on my farm."

Using mine detectors, authorities searched the farm but found no trace of Travis or the car.

As recently as Sept. 26 De George paid Pace a visit in the county jail in Friendship. De George "just walked in" after Pace had jailed an alien wanted for deportation to his native Sicily.

De George asked if he could speak with the alien and the sheriff gave him permission.

They talked for 10 minutes in Italian so, Pace recounted, he didn't know what was said. He added that De George didn't tell him and he didn't ask. De George then left after proffering his usual cigar which, the sheriff said, he didn't accept.

Visitors' Permit

The alien's real name was Guissipi Basile, 46, whose home is Palermo, Sicily. He came to this country on a visitor's permit in 1960 but overstayed it and vanished for a time. He was apprehended in New York city, given a hearing and ordered deported Mar. 7, 1963. He was then known as John Vollo.

Again he disappeared.

He was arrested on a tip while working at the old Adams creamery. Before that he had worked in Waterloo as a cheesemaker and before that for many years, it turned out, for the Falcone Cheese Co. in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Why should De George take an interest "in just another alien?" How did De George know Basile was in the county jail? Milwaukee immigration department chief Richard Klein and Sheriff Pace said they knew of no connection. Just a situation of one Italian helping out another, they theorized.

But there is a connection. It is the interlocking directorships involved in the Italian cheese industry, much of which is dominated by the outfit and its friends.

Recently the Adams creamery was purchased by Grande Cheese Co., Fond du Lac, which was headed by another syndicate figure, the late John Di Bella, a business associate of Joseph Bonanno, Mafia commissioner.

Di Bella and Joseph and Matteo Falcone were officers in the Gourmay Cheese Co., Ashford, Wis., near Fond du Lac. Mrs. Faye Bonanno bought stock in Gourmay and her husband sold its cheese through his outlets. Di Bella and De George were friends for years before Di Bella's death in September, 1964. Di Bella's niece, now treasurer of Grande, lives in Brooklyn, headquarters of Falcone.

Under such circumstances it is understandable why De George should get into his Cadillac and drive the 18 miles from his ranch to see the sheriff.

Tomorrow: Is It Over?

Hoods Make Decisions Over Life and Death

— Wis — Series

By ALEX P. DOBISH and THOMAS G. LUBENOW of The Journal Staff

Peter Cappelletti, a small time hoodlum, was kidnaped from a downtown Milwaukee street and for a time was slated to become another statistic in the list of unsolved Wisconsin gangland murders.

Although Cappelletti got a last minute reprieve, the incident is another example of how Chicago underworld operations spill over into Wisconsin.

Then there is the case of Dr. Giulio Bruni, who was sentenced in federal court in Milwaukee for his part in a counterfeiting scheme based in Chicago. The extent of the Chicago involvement was recognized years later when stories from several sources were pieced together.

So pervasive is this influence that Bruni was threatened with death while in federal custody in the Waukesha county jail.

Cappelletti was a partner in a bail bond service with the wife of Sam De Stefano, a Chicago loan shark and psychopathic killer whose crime career includes two major convictions in Wisconsin.

Juice Collector

Cappelletti was a juice collector for De Stefano. His job was to make sure that the unfortunates who borrowed money from De Stefano made the absurdly high interest payments as they came due. Threats and beatings were the usual method of collection.

But early in 1964, Cappelletti held out some of the collections on De Stefano. De Stefano found out about it.

What happened next was told to the Illinois crime investigating commission, which conducted hearings into the juice racket operated by De Stefano, Fiore Buccieri, a Lake Geneva resident, and others like them.

One of the commission witnesses was Frederick P. Ackerman, a Chicago attorney and himself a juice victim. Ackerman became so deeply involved with De Stefano that he became privy to some of "the outfit's" inner workings.

Remiss in Payments

Ackerman told the commission that "this loaning business led to his (Cappelletti's) downfall because he was remiss in his payments and De Stefano began to contact these people by phone or otherwise attempted to find out why the payments were not being made."

"Cappelletti learned of this and fled to Milwaukee," Ackerman testified. "He was pursued to Milwaukee by two cars of men. There was Vito Magnini, Sam Gallo, Mario De Stefano (Sam's brother), Sam De Stefano and another one, that (Charles) Grimaldi.

"And all of these people went to Milwaukee and apprehended this man, Cappelletti, put him in handcuffs, and they had even taken a shovel with them because they intended to kill — at that point De Stefano wanted to kill Cappelletti and they were going to bury him alongside the road on the way back," Ackerman testified.

Changed His Mind

"But, for some reason De Stefano changed his mind.

"It might have been that Cappelletti told him that he had written an extensive dissertation about the activities of De Stefano and had left the envelope containing this information with either some person or . . . in a safety deposit box and it would in fact be discovered if he met death in an untimely fashion.

"They took him back to Chicago — took him to Mario

Dr. Giulio Bruni

za parlor — removed his thes, beat him, threw him in e middle of the floor and urited on him and threw him to feet of his family, and it s related to me that De Stefano said, "I am going to give r husband's life back.' "

Refused to Talk

Cappelletti and De Stefano re called before the crime mission to testify but each used, claiming their answers might incriminate them. n insight into De Stefano's d emerged from the questions he refused to answer —

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Crime Figures Laugh at Brutal Murder

Crime - Wis - Series

By ALEX T. DOBISH and THOMAS G. LUBENOW
of The Journal Staff

His name was William (Action) Jackson, he weighed 350 pounds and he was a collector of "juice" — the illegal profits paid to loan sharks.

Action Jackson came to his end impaled on a meat hook. He also hung there while his executioners stabbed him with ice picks, beat him with baseball bats, jolted him with an electric cattle prod and scorched his face with a blowtorch. It took three days for him to die.

One of his torturers was a 65 year old resident of a fashionable Lake Geneva subdivision who is described by a neighbor as a man who "don't bother anybody."

Fiore Buccieri

The name of this man is Fiore Buccieri and he lives at 692 Maple la., in Birches subdivision in the town of Linn. His friends, and police, call him Fifi.

Fifi has lived on this choice lake property since about 1958. It has 100 feet of shoreline and is nearly 800 feet deep. It is on a point which juts into a channel known as "the narrows."

Buccieri's business is "juice."

Juice is the 20% to 2,000% illegal interest paid by pimps, their women, addicts, gamblers, small time hoodlums, sometimes professional men gone to the dogs and frequently factory workers caught in a bind on otherwise unobtainable loans.

Action Jackson collected juice in Chicago, where Buccieri operates a loan sharking business.

Jackson's job was to make sure the usurious loans provided by his bosses were repaid. Threats were standard practice, mayhem encouraged, and murder likely if the victim defaulted on a large loan or threatened to go to the police.

One story has it that Jackson kept some of the juice collections for himself. Another was that he had been observed on a Chicago street corner talking with the FBI.

Jackson wound up in a building which had a meat hook on a wall. He was stripped, bound, shot in the knee and impaled upside down on the hook.

Jackson's mutilated body was found in the trunk of his Cadillac on a downtown Chicago street in 1961. How he died did not come out until much later.

The FBI had planted an electronic eavesdropping device in a Miami home rented by several Chicago hoodlums — including Buccieri. Also present one day were Buccieri's good friend and chief errand boy, James (Turk) Torello, and John (Jackie the Lackey) Cerone. The tape recording caught the glee of their discussion of murders they had taken part in.

"Jackson was hung up on that meat hook," Torello told his gangster friends. "He was so . . . heavy he bent it. He was on that thing three days before he died."

Buccieri butted in, laughing. "Jackie, you should have seen the guy," he exclaimed to Cerone. "Like an elephant he was and when Jimmy hit him in the . . . with that electric prod . . ."

"He was flopping around on that hook," Torello interrupt-

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ed. "We tossed water on him to give the prod a better charge and he's screaming."

$100,000 Home

While they know little about him — and are glad of it — some Lake Geneva people have heard that Buccieri is a Chicago gangster.

"We never knew exactly what he was," said one. "We just called him 'the hoodlum.'"

Most of the time there is no activity to confirm their suspicions at Buccieri's $100,000 home. But occasionally . . .

At the rear of Buccieri's deep lot, near the road, is a long narrow building — newly painted white with brown trim, as are the rest of the buildings on the property.

That is the supposedly soundproof shooting gallery Buccieri had constructed soon after he moved in. There, say the neighbors, Fifi and his Chicago friends have spent hours sharpening their aim — apparently in the belief that this would not disturb the tranquility of the wooded lakeside subdivision.

But every once in a while, in alcoholic exuberance, disturb they did.

"He used to get gangs and gangs of company," complained one resident. "And they used to get pretty high and then go out and shoot. You could hear it. They were impossible."

On one such occasion, about six years ago, a bullet from the target range smashed the window of the home of an elderly widow on a hill about a block from Buccieri's place and tore into the living room wall near her head.

Widow Moved

Buccieri puffed up the hill quickly, pulled several hundred dollars from his wallet and shoved them into the widow's hand.

The widow did not press charges. She moved to Texas instead.

Few ever got to see the inside of the practice range. One who did, however, explained:

"In the fall of the year we'd take walks and one time we went by the shooting gallery and looked in. They had a life sized figure of a man with little dots marking vulnerable spots, like the temple."

Buccieri's visitors did not always confine their target practice to the shooting gallery, according to one resident. Sometimes they staggered onto the front lawn and fired into the lake.

"But it was just five or six shots," a man said, "and then somebody's on the phone calling the deputy."

At the rear of the shooting gallery in a large square dog pen where, it was said, Buccieri keeps a doberman pinscher. Two German shepherds also police the property.

Buccieri parks his 1969 Thunderbird in a garage that appears to have quarters for guests. The main house is a Cape Cod. The grounds are neat, like those of Buccieri's affluent neighbors — an Illinois state senator to the east, a retired owner of a large construction company to the west.

At the lake's edge is Buccieri's boathouse; next to it a blue and white merry-go-round. In front of the main house there is a terraced Lannon stone planter sprouting flowers. In the rear is Buccieri's rose garden. Nearby is a fountain with a statue in it.

Always Remodeling

"He goes for that kind of stuff," explained a neighbor. "I guess it's the missus."

Buccieri is constantly improving the property. The 300 foot driveway got a fresh coat of black sealcoating this summer and all the buildings received a new coat of white paint.

"For all the years we know of them, they've been remodeling," one resident said. Another said the main building had undergone three major renovations since Buccieri moved in.

Two names are on the mailbox — J. Bianco and F. Buccieri. Some say Buccieri uses both.

Walworth county Sheriff William J. Cummings said he had been told that there was a man by the name of Bianco, but that he had never seen him. He has seen Buccieri, he added.

In fact, said Cummings, he went to Buccieri's home this summer to talk to him about "sheriff's department business." He declined to say what they discussed.

Cummings, sheriff since last year and a deputy and undersheriff 22 years before that, was irked at claims that his county is a watering hole for Buccieri and other gangsters.

Ross Prio

He is particularly upset about a statement by Atty. Gen. Robert W. Warren that Lake Geneva was a vacationland for Chicago and Rockford Mafia members.

Why, asked Cummings, had the attorney general only now begun talking about the Mafia in Walworth county "when some of them have been here 30 and 40 years?"

Although Buccieri has a home in Chicago, he spends most of his time in Lake Geneva and the attorney general should have been aware of it —particularly since he opened a branch law office in near Elkhorn, said Cummings.

"Buccieri is up here all t time," Cummings said. "W don't have any grief from a of them. These guys do cause any trouble and I'm n looking for any."

"Why shouldn't he be livi out here?" the sheriff adde "He don't get out of line."

Cummings said other hoo lums lived in the area but r fused to name them.

"The first thing I'd get a te ephone call from one of thes guys asking, 'What are you doing? I'm not giving you any trouble!' "

Cummings added: "I'm protecting citizens."

No Complaints

Both Cummings and John Palmer, the town of Linn's only policeman and chief of the Lake Geneva boat patrol, said they had never received a complaint about shooting at Buccieri's home.

"We've had no trouble with him either by land or by sea," said Palmer, "nor do we expect it."

Palmer added, however, that "people say they are scared to death of him."

Cummings insisted: "I don't have any more right to tell you about him than about any of my neighbors."

He did, however, confirm that Ross Prio, identified by the Chicago crime commission as boss of the rackets on Chicago's north side, was a frequent visitor to Lake Geneva.

Prio for years visited a former Williams Bay liquor store operator, according to a friend of the Prio family. Prio's son, Ross, jr., attended a private military academy near Fon-

na — a few miles from Buccieri's place — and still lives the area.

The senior Prio, a gambler nd suspected gangland executioner, is a former director of he Grande Cheese Co. of Fond u Lac, formerly operated by he late John Di Bella, a crime yndicate leader himself and a usiness partner of Joseph Joe Bananas) Bonanno, a national Mafia high commissionr.

Another recent Lake Geneva isitor, according to Police hief, Robert Clapper, was

James (Turk) Torello, the man the FBI recorded bragging about his ability with a cattle prod.

Torello and his boss, Buccieri, were at the Abbey resort hotel in Fontana several months ago, said Clapper.

There is, of course, citizen lament and concern in the communities along Lake Gene va.

"We had such a beautifu area here," one of the neigh bors sighed.

(Tomorrow: Run to Milwaukee)

The Crime Fraternity

Hoodlums Pollute State With 50 Years of Crime

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By ALEX P. DOBISH and THOMAS G. LUBENOW
Of The Journal Staff

For more than half a century an unholy fraternity has been engaged in a conspiracy in Wisconsin—a conspiracy which has polluted some of the state's most important economic, political and social institutions.

This is the first of a series of five articles about that conspiracy.

Some of the story has been told before, in bits and pieces. Sometimes the bits and pieces were not fitted into the puzzle of the conspiracy. Some responsible persons have denied that the conspiracy exists at all.

And much of the story is new.

Some of the principal characters in the conspiracy live and work in Wisconsin. So do their aides and errand boys. And there are hordes of lesser actors here.

This is the story of the crime syndicate.

The syndicate murders. Victims include the innocent as well as organization members marked for death by twisted minds of chiefs. Sometimes death comes mercifully swift; sometimes it drags out horribly.

The organization has its share of demented animals who pass for human beings.

The mob steals, and stories will discuss how. The Mafia's illegal wealth mushrooms through investments in legal enterprises. Because of the big bankroll with which a mobster starts, he has driven honest men out of business.

If the honest businessman did what the syndicate man did, he'd be arrested for antitrust violations. Because the syndicate man's name doesn't appear on records, he goes free. But he gets his share of profits, or the front man dies suddenly.

The mob hates publicity. It thrives in the darkness of ignorance. What's wrong with a $2 bet? Multiply the $2 by thousands every day and see what you get.

The outfit feasts on stubborn police officials who publicly insist there is no syndicate crime, who don't co-operate with federal authorities. Ask the subordinates of those officials. They'll tell you syndicate crime exists.

In Wisconsin, advancing age of mob figures and court convictions of others have reduced some of the effectiveness of the chieftains.

This is not to say the outfit has been grievously injured.

The state attorney general's office and the justice department know of candidates who they believe will take over and succeed to syndicate power.

Others Are Waiting to Pick Up Mantle

"There always are a legion of men waiting to pick up the mantle," said Charles Siragusa, former deputy federal commissioner of narcotics, now head of the Illinois crime investigating commission.

For the record, the syndicate is a cartel, an association of hoodlums, gangsters, corrupted officials, hangers-on and fellow travelers whose business is to make immense profits.

It is an amalgamation ranging from a tightly knit, cohesive group at the top to lower echelon criminals who stay in line — or die. There are pawns and dupes. There are all nationalities, with many crime masters being of Sicilian descent.

Some are bound formally together by a blood oath, particularly in the east. Those bound by ceremony and blood are members of the Mafia, though the Mafia has Jews, Poles and other nationalities tied to it for criminal business reasons.

Major crime figures in Wisconsin are:

Vito Buccieri, 65, of Chicago and Lake Geneva, Wis. — Hazel eyes, 5 feet 9, wears glasses. Known to authorities as terrorist, gambling boss, suspected assassin, loan shark racket lord. On Mar. 25, 1967, 200 of the nation's important crime syndicate leaders honored Buccieri at $25 a plate party at the Fi[illegible]

Businessmen Fleeced

In one scheme, supposedly masterminded by Alderisio, Peterson said the mob fleeced two Chicago businessmen of $100,000. Through some of its stockbroker pawns, the mob forced up the price of certain over the counter stocks through artificial bidding; then sold them to the businessmen.

A federal report notes that it is very hard to get to the bottom of suspected dealings, including fraudulent bankruptcies and stock swindles, involving Milwaukee Phil.

Alan R. Rosenberg, 36, a key figure in a federal investigation of stock manipulation, was found dead last year with seven bullet holes in him. The body was in his parked Cadillac in Chicago. Joseph Polito's testimony led to the conviction of four of Alderisio's associates. In March, 1967, a few months later, Polito was shot to death as he walked home.

The Sterling-Harris fraudulent bankruptcy case, which had important Wisconsin aspects, also involved Alderisio. Leroy Silverstein, known as Sterling, and George Harris were the surface figures, manipulated by masters.

Agency Incorporated

In 1960 Silverstein and Harris incorporated the Sterling-Harris Ford agency. Using credit, they bought 300 Fords, Falcons and Thunderbirds. Over a weekend in March, 1961, the 300 cars vanished from a Cicero av. lot, along with the cash and other physical assets of the firm.

Some of the cars wound up in Wisconsin cities, including Waukesha, Wausau and Milwaukee. The thieves offered 112 of the cars to Edward Bembinster, then head of Wausau Auto Sales, and Frank Winiarczyk, then secretary-treasurer of Thorp (Wis.) Sales & Service.

Bembinster and Winiarczyk, in a meeting in a suite at the Sheraton-Schroeder hotel, were offered the cars but, the two later testified, they weren't offered clear titles. The sellers then threatened them to keep them from backing out, they said.

Hotel Was Watched by US Authorities

Federal authorities, tipped off to the meeting, watched the hotel.

In the end, Discount Associates, Chicago — which financed the purchase of the cars — was left holding $600,000 in worthless paper.

Silverstein and Harris were indicted, convicted and sentenced to 10 years each on charges of concealing $258,789 in bankruptcy assets, racketeering and transporting stolen vehicles across state lines.

The jury, however, acquitted them of threatening Bembinster and Winiarczyk.

There were a couple of other men in that hotel suite that day. They didn't take part in the discussions, so couldn't be prosecuted. One man reportedly watched the conversation from a doorway in the suite.

That man, the FBI said, was Milwaukee Phil.

Next: The killers.

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COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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FROM : E. Michael McCann, District Attorney

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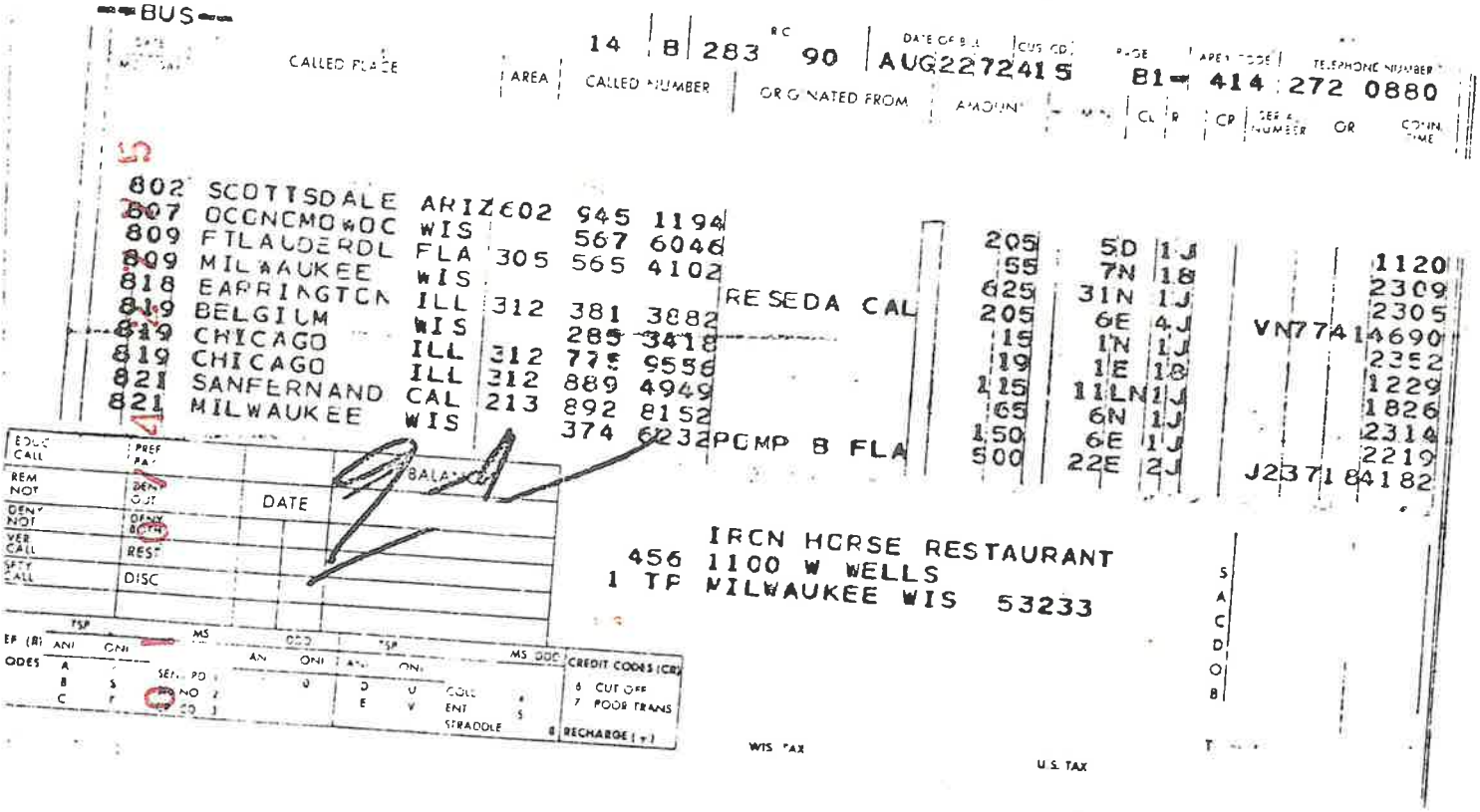

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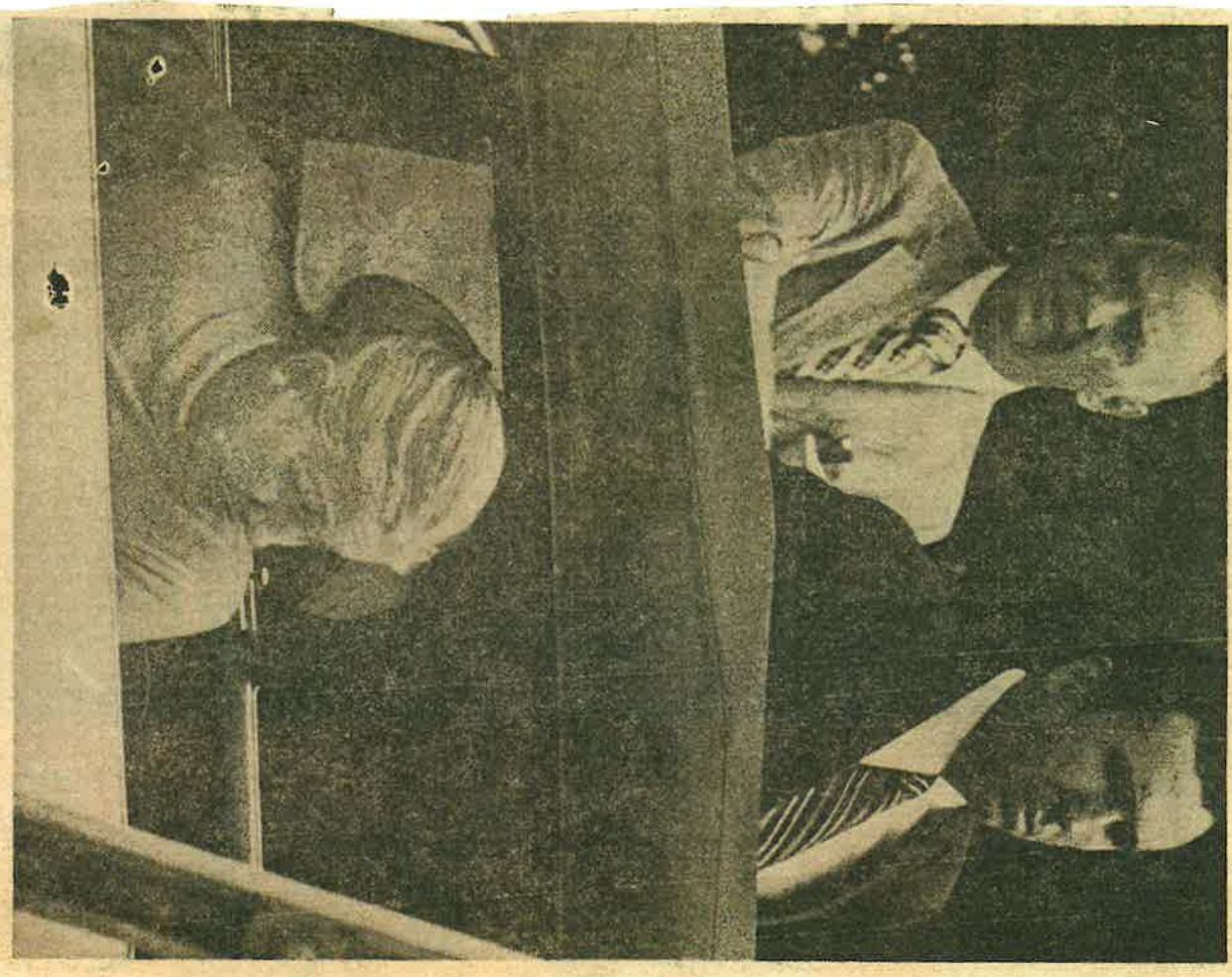

Dist. Atty. E. Michael McCann (upper right) was one of the law enforcement officials visiting the scene of the murder of Louis Fazio Wednesday morning. A resident of the apartment building moved her car in the parking lot to enable police to check further for possible clues in the slaying.

—Sentinel Photo by Allan Scott

Questioning Continues in Fazio Slaying

The Milwaukee Police Department's detective bureau reported Thursday night that there were "no new leads" in the slaying of Louis Fazio.

Authorities said they were still interviewing people in connection with the death of Fazio, 58, who was found slain about 6:45 a.m. Wednesday in a parking area behind his home, at 2805 N. Humboldt Ave.

He had been shot three times - in the head, neck and abdomen - with a .38 caliber weapon.

Fazio, who had served about 12 years in prison for his part in a gangland murder, was manager of the Iron Horse, 1100 W. Wells St., one of the Fazio family's restaurants.

Four persons who knew Fazio said that in the last few months he had talked about selling the Iron Horse and moving to Florida, where two brothers have gone into the restaurant business.

Atty. Thomas Hayes, who has represented Fazio family interests in the past, said that Fazio had considered leaving Milwaukee because of the climate and the prospect of better business in Florida.

Hayes said he had never been told that Fazio wanted to move because of threats against him.

Hayes said that the Iron Horse was run by a corporation owned by all of the Fazios, but Hayes said the family would probably have reacted favorably to a substantial offer.

Hayes said that he did not know of any substantial offers and said the family had not actively advertised the restaurant as being for sale.

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Hint DeStefano tie to another murder

By Art Petacque

Louis Fazio knew too much about his old pal Sam DeStefano, investigators said Monday, and that is why he was gunned down two weeks ago in gangland style.

Fazio, the operator of a Milwaukee supper club, became close to DeStefano from 1942 to 1956, when they were both serving time in the Wisconsin State Prison at Waupun.

In 1961 Fazio found out that William Jackson, then a juice collecter for DeStefano, was meeting with federal agents, apparently to keep them up to date on DeStefano's underworld activities. Fazio loyally told DeStefano what he had learned. Soon afterward Jackson was hung on a meat hook, tortured with cattle prods and slowly beaten to death. His naked, mutilated body was found in the trunk of an auto. Investigators said Fazio heard DeStefano brag that he was responsible for the murder.

Now a Cook County grand jury is hearing evidence on the Jackson murder gathered by Robert Novelle, chief of State's Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan's criminal division; Nicholas Motherway, head of Hanrahan's organized crime unit, and Supt. Richard Gliebe of the Illinois Bureau of Investigation.

The grand jury has already indicted DeStefano, his brother, Mario, and crime syndicate hit man Anthony Spilotro on charges of murdering juice collector Leo Foreman in 1963. Foreman was shot twice and stabbed six times with an ice pick.

The key witness in the Foreman case is another former juice collector, Charles Crimaldi. Mobsters tried to kill Crimaldi last year when they learned he was giving information to the old Illinois Crime Investigating Commission.

Investigators said DeStefano, who at 63 is in failing health, does not think he could survive a second murder trial (in the Jackson case) on top of the first trial (in the Foreman case).

DeStefano remembered that Fazio knew he had a motive for wanting Jackson killed, investigators said. Just before his indictment last month in the Foreman case, he went to Milwaukee to talk to Fazio.

Fazio's body, with four bullets in it, was found in a parking lot behind his Milwaukee home at 6:45 a.m. on Sept. 27. Investigators said they were convinced that associates of DeStefano killed Fazio while DeStefano was behind prison bars.

Investigators were originally surprised that DeStefano did not want to get out of prison by meeting bond. When Fazio was killed, they reasoned that DeStefano may have wanted an alibi.

Spilotro was released on bond on the Foreman murder charge six days before Fazio was slain.

Now that Fazio's murder is two weeks gone, DeStefano may try to get out on bond, investigators said. But this may depend on the mood of Milwaukee gangsters, because Fazio was popular with them.

Fazio managed the Iron Horse Restaurant. Frank Buccieri, crime syndicate gambling boss in Chicago whose brother, Fiori, is one of Chicago's most powerful mobsters, had tried to operate a steak house near Fazio's restaurant.

But after Buccieri found a bullet hole in his car and his tires slashed, he decided to buy a steak house in North Riverside, just west of Chicago, instead.

Fazio, 58, had a history of arrests that dated back to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon when he was 19.

He was sentenced to 10 years in prison in 1942 in connection with a white-slavery ring, when he was accused of buying a 15-year-old girl for $150 as a prostitute. In prison he met DeStefano, who was serving time on a bank robbery conviction.

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Fazio's 'Weapon' A Bit of Tradition

By WILLIAM JANZ

All that Louis M. Fazio had to protect himself Wednesday was a piece of Sicilian tradition.

And it wasn't enough to keep him from being murdered.

A bright red ribbon was tied around the mirror in Fazio's car. Red is the color that, by custom, many Sicilians have in their cars or homes to keep away evil and bad luck.

Fazio, who was unarmed, was shot three times as he stepped out of his car early Wednesday at his home, 2805 N. Humbolt Blvd.

"I heard the first shot and I wasn't sure what it was," said Mrs. Arleen D'Amore, a neighbor who lives at 2815 N. Humboldt Blvd. "Then I heard screams, yelling, then two more shots. And then nothing."

Mrs. D'Amore didn't realize the noise came from the alley in back of an apartment building only one house away. She went back to sleep.

"But it bothered me and when I got up the first thing I asked was what all the noise had been about," she told a reporter.

Police said that Fazio left the Iron Horse, his restaurant, about 1:45 a.m. to go home.

Fazio had served time for murder and had been in several scrapes with the law but he was a popular man and his restaurant, near the Courthouse, was usually crowded with politicians, attorneys and judges.

Sometime between 2 and 2:30 a.m. Fazio pulled his car into the middle of a three car parking lot behind his apartment.

To the left of the disabled car next to his were bushes 11 feet high and a small tree. To his right was another car and the garage where he could have parked his car if he had wished.

Authorities weren't sure whether the killer was hiding to wait for Fazio.

"Bling-bling, like this, I heard," Mrs. Tillie Cirra, of 2813 N. Humboldt Blvd., said. "I didn't know what it was, maybe a car, so I covered my head up and I didn't hear anything else."

Car Keys Found

Fazio dropped a copy of The Milwaukee Sentinel by the door of his car.

His car keys fell near the left rear tire. They were still on the ground hours after the body was found by a neighbor.

When Fazio fell, he apparently reached out to catch hold of the car. Police found a smeared palm print down the left side of the car. There was a large pool of blood near the car's left rear tire.

Within a short time after the body was discovered at 6:45 a.m., members of the police and fire departments and the district attorney's office arrived at the scene.

Fire fighters climbed on roofs and inspected drainpipes for weapons or bullet holes. City workers searched sewers and police went into the neighborhood to interview nearby residents.

Friends Stop By

Many friends of the family and relatives came to the Fazio apartment later in the day.

Robert Simpson, who worked for the Fazios for years putting on musical revues, looked shocked after he talked with the family.

"His wife was in bed and she didn't hear the shots," he said. "That's what's killing her. She feels she might have been able to do something, call an ambulance, if she had heard the shots.

"Who knows why it happened. He was such a great guy. I worked for him for years. He was the head of the family, the Fazios."

Attorney Visits

Another longtime friend, Atty. Bernard Freudenfeld stopped in briefly.

"Angelo (a brother of Louis) was crying; I was crying," Freudenfeld said. "It's horrible. I don't know what to say. It's incredible.

"I've known the Fazios for years. When I got out of law school and I didn't have nothing, I could always go to the Fazios for a spaghetti dinner.

"I talked to Louie yesterday. I talked to him on the phone but it was nothing. When I was in the Courthouse I'd stop in for coffee at the Iron Horse or he'd call me or I'd call him.

"We were always fooling around. I'd call and say 'Let me speak to the horse.' Or, 'Is Mr. Iron there?' Now he's dead. I can't believe it."

Car Towed Away

The disabled car next to Fazio's car had four flat tires. A truck towed this car off the 30 foot by 36 foot lot but police did not appear to find anything beneath it.

Police also carefully went over the area along the bushes and put material that they found into bags.

A neighbor, who worked the second shift, said that many times he would see Fazio getting home at 2 a.m. and parking his car in the garage, which Fazio didn't do when he got home Wednesday.

Fazio lived in what looked like a quiet neighborhood.

However, another neighbor who wouldn't give her name, said, "A lot of people have been robbed and mugged around here."

And now a neighbor has been murdered.

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To _____ Saturday Sunday Sentinel Article 10-7-72

Sir:

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Chicago, Fazio Probe Tied

Chicago authorities are investigating whether Louis Fazio, Milwaukee restaurant operator, was killed because they were considering calling him before a grand jury, it was learned Friday.

Cook County crime officials said they believed that Fazio had evidence concerning the 1961 murder of William (Action) Jackson, a Chicago crime figure.

Fazio reportedly saw Jackson going into the Federal Building in Milwaukee with FBI agents shortly before Jackson's death, Chicago officials said.

Jackson, a loan shark who weighed 350 pounds, was hung on a meat hook and it took three days for him to die. Officials believed he was killed because he was an informant.

Fazio, 58, was shot to death last week.

The Chicago probe is only one part of the investigation into Fazio's death. Chicago officials said they considered their theory "a possibility."

None of them would be quoted by name.

Some men who Illinois police believe were involved in the Jackson murder have been indicted on another charge.

Chicago officials said they believed that in 1961, Fazio told these men that he had seen Jackson here with agents. Jackson was tortured and killed not long after, they said. Chicago authorities said they believed Fazio had no involvement in that murder.

One Chicago official denied that Fazio was co-operating with them. He said an appearance by Fazio before a grand jury was being discussed.

When Fazio's body was found in a parking lot at his home, 2805 N. Humboldt Blvd., Milwaukee police at first said they thought he was killed in an attempted robbery. However, other sources believe that it was a gangland slaying.

Fazio, a member of a restaurant family here, operated the Iron Horse, 1100 W. Wells St.

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Sir: Milwaukee Journal 8-30-72

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Violence Deplored at Fazio's Funeral

"We grieve for a society that seems to be changing into a jungle," Father Italo Scola, pastor of St. Rita's Church, said Saturday at a funeral mass for Louis Fazio.

For those who stand fast in their faith, however, death can be looked on as a mere transition from the imperfections of earthly life to the joys of paradise, the priest went on.

Scola asked God to "transform Louis and accept him in the heaven of eternal life."

Fazio, 58, of 2805 N. Humboldt Ave., a member of a widely known Milwaukee restaurant family, was found shot to death outside his home Wednesday norning. His slayer has not been found.

About 50 cars were in the funeral procession from the Guardalabene and Amato Funeral Home, 2001 N. Holton St., to St. Rita's, 700 E. Pleasant St. The church was filled for the funeral, with a row of standees at the back.

For every other creature, Scola said, life and death are opposites, but for humans there is only life.

"We are born to live forever," he said. "Life has a beginning but no end."

He described death as a "closing of the scenario of this life," when body and soul are divided, with the latter united with its creator.

"May we reach that moment with a conscience clear," Father Scola said.

Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

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Sir:

4 Get Immunity In Gaming Case

By ALIDA JOHNS

Four persons, including two members of the family that operated the former Kaiser-Knickerbocker Hotel, 1028 E. Juneau Ave., were granted immunity from prosecution Wednesday to testify in a federal court case involving interstate transmission of gambling information.

Testifying that they placed bets on sports events were Harry B. and Michael D. Kaiser, owners of the Crazy Horse South tavern; Robert Lurie, president of Bob Lurie Glass Corp., and Richard J. Vohla, operator of the Swingin' Door tavern.

The four were government witnesses in the trial of six men indicted in December, 1970, on charges of violating the federal gambling and conspiracy laws.

They are.

Thomas J. Machi, 54, of 1938 N. Oakland Ave.; his brother, Antonio, also known as Tony Petrolle, of 5553 W. Jackson Park Dr.; Andrew J. Machi, 35, of 660 S. 60th St. Antonio's son; Angelo Di Giorgia, 34, of 1821 N. Marshall St.; Sam Librizzi, 29, of 3140-A N. Weil St., and his brother, Dennis, 23, of 808 E. Brady St.

Lurie, of 7049 N. Fairchild Circle, Fox Point, testified that he was first introduced to Andrew Machi at "Sally's (Mrs. Sally Papia) restaurant" in the Knickerbocker Hotel in the fall of 1969 and "a couple of weeks after that I started betting."

Lurie and the other three witnesses identified their voices and that of Andrew Machi's in tape recordings that related getting the odds from Machi and placing bets.

The FBI obtained authorization from Federal Judge John W. Reynolds for electronic surveillance of three telephone numbers during its investigation of the case. The tapes were a result of the surveillance, according to the testimony of William Y. Doran, FBI agent who supervised the investigation.

Atty. Joseph P. Balistrieri, representing the defendants along with Atty. Gerald P. Boyle, cross examined Lurie. "Were you making wagers for anyone else?" asked Balistrieri.

"A couple of friends were taking $5 or $10 of my bets," Lurie answered.

"You were taking bets for

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other people?" Balistrieri questioned.

"You might call it that," Lurie said.

Harry (Buddy) Kaiser, 1919 N. Summit Ave., testified to calling Andrew Machi two or three times a week and placing bets on one to ten games.

The amount bet on a game, Kaiser said, ranged from "dimers for four to $250 or $300."

In one tape recording where Kaiser identified the voices as "myself and Andrew Machi," the total amount bet was $1,250, according to Atty. Michael King.

King and Atty. Douglas Roller, both of the Justice Department's organized crime strike force in Chicago, are trying the case.

Kaiser's brother Michael, after hearing a recording, said that the $1,115 amount mentioned was the "bottom figure, the amount lost that week."

"I can say I hope you win, and I never lose," said the voice alleged to be Andrew Machi's on the recording.

Lurie testified that "points on certain games I had in mind were something you read in The (Milwaukee) Journal every day."

Harry Kaiser said if he "picked up The (Milwaukee) Sentinel" he could get an opinion as to the outcome of the games but he would have to get the point spread.

"Did you ever place a bet with a newspaper?" King asked Kaiser.

"No," he answered.

"Could you place a bet with a newspaper?" King continued.

"I doubt that very much," Kaiser responded.

The trial started with FBI agents testifying to their surveillance of Andrew Machi, two telephone lines in his home and a public telephone booth at W. National Ave. and N. 60th St.

The agents also testified that they kept a surveillance on Dominick (Sonny) De Falco and Raymond Cruz Gutierrez of "Sonny's Ticket," Pico Rivera, Calif.

The indictment charged telephone calls were made to Sonny's Tickets for the point spread.

The trial will continue Thursday before Judge Myron L. Gordon.

—Journal Photo

SLAYING SCENE — A pool of blood, a newspaper and police chalk marks locate the spot where Louis Fazio was slain Wednesday. His body was found behind his home at 2805 N. Humboldt Ave.

io Family—a Life of Restaurants

sure was on to start selling the good Italian food to customers.

The grocery store evolved into a restaurant, which expanded into what is now called Fazio's Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge at the Jackson St. address.

Restaurant Dynamited

Mrs. Fazio died in 1954. The following year, Angelo Sr. had a heart attack after his restaurant was dynamited and died some weeks later.

Meanwhile, the children had grown and most of them had gone into the restaurant and nightclub business. The family bought the Tic Toc Club, 635 N. 5th St., and renamed it Fazio's on Fifth, with Frank, Angelo Jr., Anthony and John Fazio involved in its operation.

James Fazio, who operated a tavern in the Miller Hotel and remained there after it was renamed the Towne, sold out his interest in 1951 and opened Jimmy Fazio's Supper Club, 5743 N. Port Washington Rd., Glendale.

Dies in Fall

This club brought in such acts as Patti Page, Les Paul and Rosemary Clooney, with James Fazio acting as master of ceremonies. In 1953, he discussed his formula for successful restaurant operation, including the advice: "Never argue with a customer."

In 1955, according to testimony of witnesses, an argument between Jimmy Fazio and Walter Ludwig preceded the latter's death from a fall in the nightclub. It was ruled accidental.

Not long afterward, the Glendale restaurant was bought by the County Highway Department for $220,000 to make way for an improved Highway 141. James moved to Florida, where he opened a restaurant in Fort Lauderdale.

By 1967, Angelo was running Fazio's on Jackson, with one of his sisters, Mrs. Ann Suminski, supervising the kitchen. Anthony and Frank handled Fazio's on Fifth, with Louis helping out there and at the Jackson St. restaurant. John, the youngest brother, ran the Port Silver Diner, purchased by Fazio interests the year before.

Daughter in West

Frank left in 1969 to operate a second Fort Lauderdale restaurant for his brother, James, after the Fifth St. night spot closed. Last year, Louis Fazio ran the Iron Horse in the Knights Tower, Anthony was operating the Iron Horse West, 418 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, John the Iron Horse East, 5260 N. Port Washington, Glendale, and Angelo was still at Fazio's on Jackson.

The other Fazio daughter,

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Louis Fazio Shot Dead in Parking Lot at Home

Louis Fazio (1959 photo)

Louis Fazio, a member of a prominent Milwaukee restaurant family who served nearly a dozen years in prison for his part in a 1946 gangland slaying, was found shot to death outside his home Wednesday morning.

Fazio, 58, of 2805 N. Humboldt Ave., was found in a parking area behind his home at about 6:45 a.m. by a neighbor.

County medical examiner's investigators X-rayed the body first, without removing Fazio's clothing. By noon, they had located two slugs still in the body, one in the head, with what appeared to be an entrance wound at the right rear side of the head and another in the neck, apparently fired as Fazio was falling or lying on his side. That slug tore through the shoulder of his coat, leading detectives to believe he had a shoulder wound, officials said.

Picture of shooting scene and story of the Fazio family on Page 1, Part 2.

There was a third bullet wound in Fazio's abdomen, but that slug had not been located by X-ray. An autopsy was to be held.

A copy of The Milwaukee Sentinel was found on the ground beside the body. Two more copies of the paper were found inside the car.

Joseph La Monte, deputy county medical examiner and a friend of the Fazio family since childhood, said it had been Fazio's practice to bring a newspaper home with him after closing the Iron Horse Restaurant, 1100 W. Wells St., one of the family enterprises, which he managed. La Monte said it was a practice of one of the regular late night customers to buy the papers and hand them

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON INVESTIGATION

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Investigators hunted for clues Wednesday at the scene of the slaying of Louis Fazio in the rear of his home at 2805 N. Humboldt Blvd. Police chalk marks and a pool of blood indicate where Fazio's body was found.

—Sentinel Photo by Allan Y. Scott

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20 Crime Chiefs Claimed in State

By RICK JANKA
Sentinel Staff Writer

Madison, Wis. — There are 20 to 25 leaders of organized crime in Wisconsin, most of whom work out of reputable Milwaukee area businesses, a special agent for the State Justice Department said here Tuesday.

Herbert L. Krusche said that "most members of our Wisconsin group either operate or are associated with some type of seemingly legitimate business or are associated in some way with local labor unions and/or political groups."

Krusche, who is head of the Organized Crime Section of the State Justice Department, spoke to a crowd of about 200 persons during a criminal justice seminar in the Wisconsin Center.

After the speech, Krusche was asked by a reporter to comment on the slaying of Milwaukee restaurateur Louis Fazio and its connection with organized crime.

"We have what we believe

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to be reliable intelligence information that strongly indicates that the Fazio murder was organized crime related," Krusche said.

He refused to comment further on the Fazio death.

Fazio, who had spent more than a dozen years in prison for murder and a parole violation, was shot three times in the parking lot behind his apartment building at 2805 N. Humboldt Ave., Milwaukee, on Sept. 27.

In his speech, Krusche said that organized crime in Milwaukee and southern Wisconsin is known to operate out of businesses such as real estate firms, hotels, construction firms, home improvement firms, salvage firms, taverns and nightclubs.

The violations committed by organized crime in Wisconsin are income and sales tax fraud, planned bankruptcy, fraud on the consumer, extortion and murder, he said.

Krusche emphasized that "there is no area in the state of Wisconsin where there is wholesale corruption within our criminal justice system.

"There are, of course, always those one or two persons within each segment of the system who are willing to sell their souls for personal gain."

Those few in each step of the justice system from police through corrections officers, however, can wreck the hard work of dedicated co-workers, he said.

Ralph F. Salerno, who was described Tuesday as the nation's leading authority on organized crime, told the seminar that Wisconsin is "too paranoid" about legalized bingo.

"You're getting traumatic in Wisconsin, worrying if you can have legalized bingo without organized crime taking over the State Capitol," Salerno said.

"My God, it's already here. Bingo is not going to increase it.

Salerno, a former New York policeman who has served on the President's Crime Commission, noted that legalized gambling, such as bingo and lotteries is becoming common place in many states.

"The legal gambling, such as bingo, is one way to take the customers away from organized crime. It is one way to defeat it," he said.

Krusche, however, disagreed with Salerno on the dangers of legalized gambling and noted that Salerno was a paid consultant for off-track betting in New York.

Krusche said he believes that Wisconsin should take a wait and see attitude on whether organized crime can infiltrate legalized gambling operations, which some states have recently adopted.

Milwaukee Police Department

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON INVESTIGATION OF OFFENSE

File No. _____

Date 4-17 1973

OFFENSE Murder

Date Offense Reported 9-27-72

Reported by: Fapio Louis himself.

Address 2805 N. Humboldt.

Reported for: _____

Address _____

Address where offense occurred: Rear of 2805 N. Humboldt.

Date of Offense 9-27-72

Explain in detail what work was done on the case: Milwaukee Journal - 4-17-73

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Police Probe Mobster's Death

Chicago, Ill. –AP– Sam De Stefano, the flamboyant gangland figure found shot to death at his Northwest Side home Saturday, had "a bottomless pit of enemies who would have waited years to get him," according to one policeman.

Investigators have begun sifting through the records of De Stefano's 40 year criminal history, searching for clues that might lead them to the killers, but so far have reported no strong leads.

Milwaukee Police Department

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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON INVESTIGATION OF OFFENSE

File No. _____ Date 4-16 1973

OFFENSE Murder Date Offense Reported Sept 27, 1972

Reported by: Fazio, Louis Address 2805 N. Humboldt. Ave.

Reported for: Himself Address _____

Address where offense occurred: 2805 N. Humboldt. Ave. Date of Offense Sept 27, 1972

Explain in detail what work was done on the case: Journal 4-15-73

Crime Figure Found Slain

Chicago, Ill. –AP– Sam De Stefano, an alleged underworld loan shark charged with the murder of a mob informer, was found shot to death Saturday in his garage.

De Stefano was found lying face up, his right arm across his abdomen.

He was found by police making a routine followup check of a burglary at the De Stefano home, 1656 N. Sayre, one week ago.

Ralph Storck, homicide investigator, said De Stefano, 63, was shot in the chest and left arm. Authorities said they were not sure when the shooting occurred.

Some neighbors said they heard what sounded like gunshots Friday night. Another neighbor said he heard two gunshots Saturday about 10:30 a.m.

Sam De Stefano

De Stefano was identified as a member of the Chicago crime syndicate in 1963 in hearings before a US Senate panel probing organized crime. His record included convictions for conspiracy to commit perjury, assault with a deadly weapon, contempt of court and illegal voting.

De Stefano was widely known among syndicate elements in Wisconsin, visiting frequently.

Wisconsin also was where he was convicted for the first time. That was in 1933 for the unsuccessful holdup of the New Lisbon State Bank. He served 11 years in the state prison at Waupun.

De Stefano was trying to get to the top of the hoodlum pyramid but again failed in 1947. He was arrested again in Wisconsin, this time for his part in a nationwide sugar ration stamp counterfeit ring alleged-

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Underworld Figure Found Slain

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ly headed by Ralph Capone, who then kept his hand in criminal ventures from the safety of his home in Mercer, Wis. Capone is the brother of Al Capone.

Convicted

De Stefano was convicted for his part in the counterfeit ring and sentenced to serve one year and a day in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

He was currently under indictment for the 1963 murder of Leo Foreman, identified by authorities as a loan collector turned informer. He was free on $100,000 bond.

De Stefano, his brother, Mario, and Anthony Spilotro, were indicted in September 1972. At the time, Edward V. Hanrahan, then Cook County Chicago state's attorney, said it was the first time since the 1920s that any of Chicago's reputed high echelon mob members had been charged with murder.

In a courtroom appearance, De Stefano acted as his own attorney and called the charges "a nine year old case built out of straw."

Conviction Upheld

In February, the 7th US Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a conviction of threatening a government witness during a narcotics trial, for which he was sentenced to 3½ years in prison and fined $5,000. De Stefano was freed on appeal bond after the ruling.

He was noted for his courtroom oratory and antics — among them a 1964 courtroom appearance in pajamas as he represented himself on the charge of voting illegally. He showed up in a wheelchair and told a Circuit Court judge that he was carrying a megaphone to make himself heard because of poor health.

In 1968, while serving a prison sentence for perjury, De Stefano was transferred to a hospital where, government investigators charged, he held lavish parties in his room.

Authorities said a break came in the Foreman murder when another alleged underworld figure, Charles Crimaldi, agreed to testify.

They said Crimaldi was once a top De Stefano lieutenant who became disenchanted with the loan sharking business.

Foreman, then 43, was found in the luggage compartment of an auto. A piece of paper listing the auto license numbers of federal agents following alleged crime figures was found beneath the body.

Police said Foreman had been shot twice and stabbed six times, apparently with an ice pick.

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Explain in detail what work was done on the case:

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Now when [Jesus] stepped ashore, there met him a certain man who for a long time was possessed by a devil. . . . Many times it had laid hold of him and he was bound with chains. . . . but he would break the bonds asunder. . . . And Jesus asked him, saying, "What is thy name?" And he said, "Legion. . . ."

Luke 8:27–30

JAMES TORELLO: *Jackson was hung up on that meat hook. He was so heavy he bent it. He was on that thing three days before he croaked.*

FRANK BUCCIERI (giggling): *Jackie, you shoulda seen the guy. Like an elephant, he was, and when Jimmy hit him with that electric prod . . .*

TORELLO (excitedly): *He was floppin' around on that hook, Jackie. We tossed water on him to give the prod a better charge, and he's screamin'. . . .*

Excerpt from FBI wiretap of Cosa Nostra telephone conversation relating to murder of William Jackson

. . . There's no other explanation for some of the things the Communists did. Like the priest who had eight nails driven into his skull. . . . And there were the seven little boys and their teacher. They were praying the Our Father when soldiers came upon them. One soldier whipped out his bayonet and sliced off the teacher's tongue. The other took chopsticks and drove them into the ears of the seven little boys. How do you treat cases like that?

Dr. Tom Dooley

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SEPT - 3-72

Reveal mob tried to kill informer on DeStefano

By Art Petacque

The key witness in the murder case against three crime syndicate hoodlums narrowly escaped an assassination attempt last year, it was learned Saturday.

The witness, Charles Crimaldi, became the target of a syndicate gunman after mob leaders learned that Crimaldi was leading a double life—as a lieutenant to juice-loan racketeer Sam DeStefano and as an informant for the old Illinois Crime Investigating Commission.

DeStefano, his brother, Mario, and Anthony Spilotro were indicted on murder charges last week in the 1963 torture slaying of Leo Foreman, a juice-loan collector and political fixer for the syndicate.

Crimaldi seen with investigator

Crimaldi, now under heavy guard, reportedly supplied crucial testimony against the three before the grand jury. The indictments are the first returned against inner-circle mob figures for murder since the 1920s.

The attempt on Crimaldi's life occurred after he was seen conserting in a Rush Street night club with a former investigator for the commission.

Reports of Crimaldi's stool-pigeon activities seeped back to Sam DeStefano, who then was serving a sentence in Stateville Penitentiary for perjury.

A syndicate gunman who was a poor marksman emptied his revolver at Crimaldi as Crimaldi was about to enter his Northwest Side apartment.

The move caused Crimaldi to move to a western suburb and begin carrying a gun.

Another former Crime Commission member recalls that he vowed to "take someone with me" if there was another attempt on his life.

After the assassination attempt, Crimaldi decided to go all the way as an informant and tell what he knew about gangland murders.

During his career as a paid informant, Crimaldi once called on the Crime Commission to bail him out of a potentially deadly problem with Sam De Stefano.

Crimaldi had squandered some $2,500 in juice-loan collections and he told a Crime Commission investigator he feared DeStefano would "beat me to a pulp" if he didn't come up with the money quickly.

Robert Walker, former chief investigator and acting executive director of the Crime Commission, finally borrowed the $2,500 from a businessman and turned it over to Crimaldi to maintain Crimaldi as a source of syndicate information.

Among the tidbits leaked to the commisson by Crimaldi was information that Sam DeStefano enjoyed gourmet food and vintage wines during a stay at County Hospital when he was a County Jail prisoner.

Tips on narcotics activity pay off

When the Crime Commission was disbanded, its executive director, Charles Siragusa, made Crimaldi available to federal narcotics agents and he supplied tips that resulted in a number of arrests.

Siragusa, now the director of the Illinois Legislative Investigating Commission, also steered Crimaldi to Richard Gliebe, director of the Illinois Bureau of Investigation.

Gliebe, a former Federal Bureau of Investigation agent who specialized in juice-loan cases, drew from Crimaldi the details of the Foreman killing.

Among the 28 other witnesses who testified before the grand jury that indicted the three hoodlums was Frederick P. Ackerman, a disbarred lawyer whose background includes five years of contact with crime-syndicate juice terrorists.

Ackerman reportedly corroborated many of the details supplied by Crimaldi, not only in the 1963 Foreman murder but also in the 1961 torture killing of William Jackson, a gang muscleman.

Indictments possible in meat-hook murder

The grand jury still is considering possible indictments in the murder of Jackson, who was impaled on a meat hook, tortured with electric shocks and slowly beaten to death.

Both Foreman and Jackson were suspected of being informants on underworld activities.

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SEPT - 6-72

De Stefano defends self in killing case

SAM DE STEFANO, complaining of ill health and a lack of information from the state's attorney's office, acted as his own lawyer today in a bond hearing on his indictment for a juice loan murder.

The last time De Stefano played lawyer, he was sentenced in March to 42 months in prison for intimidation. He was free on appeal bond until the supressed murder indictment was returned Aug. 31.

The 62-year-old ex-convict, his brother, Mario, 57, and Anthony Spilotro, 34, are charged with murdering Leo Foreman in connection with an alleged high interest loan racket.

HE SAID HE suffers from multiple sclerosis, needs open heart surgery, has bladder and colon trouble and gout.

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5 'juice' deaths since his arrival

By Tony Fuller

Authorities in Las Vegas are probing a sharp increase in gangland-style killings which, they say, apparently began with the arrival there of Anthony Spilotro, youngest member of the "Foreman 3."

"We've had at least five unsolved Shylock murders since that guy got here," said an investigator for the Las Vegas Police Dept.

The 34-year-old Spilotro, a rising young star in the crime syndicate, has been charged along with the brothers De Stefano — Sam and Mario — in the 1963 torture-murder of Leo Foreman, a juice loan collector.

SAM, 63, IS the ranking member of the juice loan racket in Chicago and Mario, 57, works as a collector.

The three were named in indictments returned Thursday.

Spilotro, who also worked as a triggerman for the late Felix (Milwaukee Phil) Alderisio, arrived in Las Vegas 16 months ago, investigators said.

Investigators believe he was sent there by Sam De Stefano as a juice loan emissary and enforcer.

The beaten and tortured bodies of five gamblers, some of them casino employes, have been found in the desert near Las Vegas since he arrived, investigators said.

Anthony Spilotro

The hoodlum has been running a gift shop at the Circus Circus on the Las Vegas strip, but as one investigator put it, "You'd have to be retarded to think that guy was out here to sell gifts."

THE INVESTIGATORS said Spilotro appears to be involved in an extensive effort to prey on casino employes who also gamble.

The scheme, they said, involves making juice loans to the employes and then trying to force them into illegal "skimming" operations in which casino profits are taken out in cash without reporting them to the government.

Spilotro and the DeStefanos are spending the Labor Day weekend in jail despite efforts to be granted bond.

Sam, who is acting as attorney for himself and his brother, lost a Friday bid for bail before Criminal Court Judge Saul A. Epton. The judge set another hearing on the matter for 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The brothers, who are also represented by attorney Peter W. Boznos, were accompanied by a claque of weeping relatives at the hearing.

"This is a 9-year-old case built out of straw," Sam told the judge in aruging for bail.

He said both he and Mario had heart conditions which could not be cared for in the Cook County Jail.

IN LAS VEGAS, Spilotro was at first freed and then jailed after a higher judge ruled a justice of the peace had erred in granting $10,000 bail.

Like Sam, attorneys for Spilotro argued that the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling on the death penalty made murder a bondable charge because the court eliminated the death penalty.

But District Court Judge Howard Babcock ruled that Illinois law clearly stipulates that bond can be denied in cases where the sentence might be life.

OTHER developments in the case:

- Investigators reportedly have blood specks and other evidence from the basement of Mario DeStefano's home to support the charge that Foreman was murdered by Sam in the basement. The evidence is said to corroborate statements from Chuck Grimaldi, one-time enforcer for Sam who has turned state's evidence.
- Sam Gallo, 51, a pal of Sam's, was sentenced to 17 months in jail by Criminal Court Judge Louis B. Garippo for contempt in refusing to testify before the grand jury that indicted the hoodlums.

The grand jury is probing the murder of William (Action) Jackson, a juice collector who was hung from a meat hook and beaten to death in 1961.

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SEPT - 1-72

Indict, nab Sam De Stefano and 2 in slaying

By Art Petacque

Three major crime syndicate figures were arrested Thursday and charged with the 1963 torture-murder of Leo Foreman, a juice-loan collector and political fixer for the mob.

SAM DE STEFANO

In announcing the arrests, State's Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan said it was the first time since the 1920s that any of Chicago's inner-circle mob members had been indicted for murder.

Indicted Wednesday night by a special county grand jury were Sam DeStefano, a major juice-loan racketeer; his brother, Mario, and Anthony Spilotro, a rising figure in the crime syndicate who is currently working out of Las Vegas. The indictments were suppressed to avoid warning the three men of their impending arrests, Hanrahan said.

The special grand jury investigation of the Foreman murder was revealed in Wednesday editions of The Sun-Times.

It was learned that one of the key developments making the indictment possible nine years after the murder was the willingness of Charles Crimaldi, a onetime high lieutenant of DeStefano, to talk for the record. He is reported to be under heavy guard.

Police crime lab praised

Hanrahan, in praising the work of the Chicago police crime labortory in the investigation, also hinted strongly that key physical evidence would be presented to back up the testimony of witnesses.

Investigators believe Foreman was executed for talking to authorities about mob operations.

The body of Foreman, then 43, was found in an auto trunk at 5204 W. Gladys. He had been stabbed six times with an ice pick and shot twice. The killers left little doubt about the reason for the murder by leaving a paper underneath the body that listed the auto license numbers of federal agents then shadowing the mob.

Two DeStefanos arrested

Sam DeStefano, 63, of 1656 N. Sayre, was arrested near the Criminal Courts Building, 26th and California, by St. John Motzny of Area 4 Homicide.

His brother, Mario, 57, of 2806 S. Meyers, Oak Brook, surrendered with his lawyer to the state's attorney's office. Both were taken to the County Jail.

MARIO DE STEFANO

ANTHONY SPILOTRO

Spilotro, 34, was arrested in Las Vegas and released on $10,000 bond. Hanrahan attacked his release as incredible and said extradition proceedings would be begun in Las Vegas on Friday.

Details of the Foreman murder were described at 1966 hearing of the now defunct Illinois Crime Investigating Commission, headed by Charles Siragusa. But at that time the informants were not willing to testify.

Siragusa was at Hanrahan's press conference when the arrests were announced and Hanrahan praised him highly for turning up the new break in the case.

He also praised a whole cast of law enforcement officials for co-operating in the investigation opened up by Siragusa.

Hanrahan said that Siragusa, who now is director of the Illinois Legislative Investigating Commission, turned his new evidence over to Richard Gliebe, director of the Illinois Bureau of Investigation.

The IBI and Comdr. William Keating, chief of Chicago homicide investigation, developed the evidence under the direction of Robert A. Novelle and Nicholas Motherway, two of Hanrahan's top aides.

The IBI's Gliebe is a former FBI agent who specialized in cracking syndicate juice crimes.

Second torture murder

The Sun-Times has revealed that the special grand jury is also developing evidence in the related 1961 torture-murder of William Jackson, a gang muscleman.

Some of those arrested Thursday reportedly have been linked to the murder of Jackson. Investigators said he was impaled on a meat hook, tortured with electric shocks and slowly beaten to death.

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DeStefano brothers arrested

SAM DE STEFANO

SAM DeSTEFANO and two other crime syndicate figures have been indicted by a special Cook County grand jury for the 1963 torture slaying of Leo S. Foreman, a juice-loan collector and political fixer.

Besides DeStefano, 62, an ex-convict and top loan shark boss, the others indicted are DeStefano's brother, Mario, 56, and Anthony J. Spilotro, 33, a reputed terrorist for the late Felix [Milwaukee Phil] Alderisio.

Sam DeStefano, of 1656 N. Sayre Av., was arrested near the Criminal Courts Building at West 26th Street and South California Avenue yesterday. Mario DeStefano, of 2806 S. Meyers Rd., Oak Brook, surrendered to the state's attorney's office, accompanied by his lawyer. Both brothers were taken to County Jail.

SPILOTRO WAS arrested in Las Vegas, where he operates the Circus-Circus boutique. He was freed later on $10,000 bail.

State's Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan termed Spilotro's release by Nevada officials "incredible." He said his office would ask Nevada authorities today to deny Spilotro bail.

Foreman, 42, was found Nov. 18, 1963, stabbed and shot to death. His body was stuffed into the trunk of a car parked at 5204 W. Gladys Av.

Authorities believe Foreman was slain because he withheld juice collections. He also may have been a police informant.

A black book found on Foreman's body listed the names and phone numbers of several prominent politicians. One, Municip Judge Cecil Corbett Smith, resigned fro the bench when his name was found in t book.

SMITH, WHO was earning $27,000 on th bench, has been living on a $15,500-a-yea city pension ever since.

The indictments and arrests of the thre men were announced by Hanrahan las night. He praised several police agencie for helping in the investigation. These in cluded the Illinois Bureau of Investigatio and the Chicago Police Department.

Hanrahan, however, made no mention o the key witness in the case, Charles Crim aldi, a former aide of Sam DeStefano, wh is being held in protective custody.

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Two Others Also Indicted

De Stefano Charged in 1963 Killing

BY JOHN O'BRIEN

Sam De Stefano was arrested yesterday afternoon on an indictment charging him and two other crime syndicate figures with the torture slaying of Leo S. Foreman in 1963.

Charged with De Stefano, 62, an ex-convict and a top loan shark boss, are his brother, Mario De Stefano, 56, and Anthony J. Spilotro, 33, a reputed terrorist for the late Felix [Milwaukee Phil] Alderisio.

May Have Held Cash

Foreman, 42, a syndicate loan shark whose pals included mobsters, judges, and politicians, was found stabbed and shot to death and stuffed into the trunk of a car parked at 5204 W. Gladys Av. on the night of Nov. 18, 1963. He was an occasional bondsman and wrestler.

Authorities have speculated that Foreman was slain because he withheld juice loan collections from his bosses and was believed by them to have turned police informant.

Sam De Stefano

The indictment and arrests of the three were announced last night by State's Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan.

Hanrahan praised several police agencies, including the Illinois Bureau of Investigation and Chicago police, for helping bring the charges. But he made no mention of the key witness in the case, Charles Crimaldi, a former aide of Sam De Stefano, who is now held in portective custody.

Ready to Surrender

De Stefano was picked up outside the Criminal Courts Building as he was about to surrender himself yesterday afternoon. Altho the indictments returned Wednesday were officially suppressed pending arrests, word of them had leaked out.

Mario De Stefano turned himself in to police last night. The brothers spent the night in County Jail.

Spilotro, who moved West after Alderisio's death last year, was arrested in Las Vegas, where he operates the Circus-Circus boutique, but was later freed there in $10,000 bail. Hanrahan assailed his release as "incredible." He said his office would ask Nevada authorities today to deny Spilotro bail.

Mario De Stefano [left] and Anthony Spilotro.

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'63 Foreman killing brings 3 indictments

By Phil Blake

Mobster Sam DeStefano and two other men were in jail Friday after being charged with the 1963 torture-murder of juice loan collector Leo Foreman.

DeStefano, 63, his brother, Mario, 57, and Anthony Spilotro, 34, were named in a suppressed indictment returned by a Cook County grand jury.

The DeStefano brothers turned themselves in separately at the Criminal Courts Building at 26th and California late Thursday and Spilotro was arrested in Las Vegas by local police and agents of the Illinois Bureau of Investigation.

SPILOTRO was later released on an unusually low bond of $10,000 by a Clark County (Nevada) judge.

Finally, Spilotro was rearrested Thursday night on a warrant charging him with being a fugitive from justice and was in the Clark County Jail Friday morning awaiting another trial appearance.

Spilotro moved to Las Vegas from Chicago in 1971.

Sam DeStefano, of 1656 N. Sayre, and Mario DeStefano, of 2806 S. Meyers, were in the Cook County Jail Friday morning awaiting an appearance before Chief Criminal Court Judge Joseph A. Power.

The indictments were announced by State's Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan Thursday night after Sam DeStefano was arrested by Homicide Sgt. John Motzny as he turned himself in at the Criminal Courts Building.

Mario DeStefano

Sam DeStefano

Anthony Spilotro

THE KEY prosecution witness on the charges is expected to be Charles Crimaldi, a former key aide to Sam De Stefano.

The grand jury began hearing evidence on the Foreman murder last week after Crimaldi began talking about the murder to investigators.

Sam DeStefano was found guilty last March of threatening Crimaldi while Crimaldi was a key witness in a federal narcotics case.

Federal Judge Richard B. Austin sentenced DeStefano to 42 months in prison, but DeStefano remained free on an appeal bond.

Foreman's body was found in an auto trunk at 5204 W. Gladys. The 43-year-old victim had been beaten, stabbed six times with an ice pick and shot twice.

Investigators believe Foreman was slain because his killers thought he had been talking to officials about crime syndicate operations.

A paper found underneath his body contained a listing of the license plates of autos used by undercover federal investigators when trailing mobsters.

HANRAHAN especially credited Charles Siragusa, director of the Illinois Legislative Investigating Commission, with turning over key evidence that led to the latest indictment.

Arrests in the nine-year-old murder case grew out of hearings held in 1966 by Siragusa, who was then head of the Illinois Crime Investigating Commission.

Siragusa questioned Sam DeStefano about the murder during the hearings, but DeStefano refused to answer, pleading the Fifth Amendment.

The evidence was turned over to agents of the Illinois Bureau of Investigation, headed by Supt. Richard Gliebe.

Working with the IBI on the case were William Keating, chief of homicide for the Chicago Police Department, Homicide Sgt. John Motzny and technicians from the police crime lab.

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Jury Probes De Stefano in 2 Killings

BY JOHN O'BRIEN

A onetime associate of Sam De Stefano, a reputed juice-loan racketeer, has become a key witness against De Stefano at a County grand jury investigation of two gangland murders.

Charles Crimaldi, once highly placed in De Stefano's high-interest loan operation, is now in protective custody and has appeared before a grand jury investigating the slayings of William [Action] Jackson and Leo Foreman.

Jackson's body was found in the trunk of a car in August, 1961. Foreman was found stabbed to death in November, 1963, also in the trunk of an automobile.

Centers on 3 Men

Both men were believed to have been cooperating with federal investigators at the time of their deaths.

According to sources, the grand jury investigation is centering on De Stefano, his brother, Mario, and Anthony Spilotro, a former body guard for Felix [Milwaukee Phil] Alderisio, who now lives in Las Vegas.

Indictments are expected to be issued as soon as the grand jury completes its work, possibly as soon as three weeks, sources said.

The reopening of the two unsolved murders is the result of a joint investigation by the Cook County state's attorney's office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Illinois Bureau of Investigation.

Crimaldi's reported testimony follows his participation last February as a government witness against Anthony Espositio, 35, an officer of the County Municipal Employes and Foreman's Union, local 1001. Esposito was found guilty of possession of cocaine.

At that trial, De Stefano threatened Crimaldi. On March 17, De Stefano was sentenced to 3½ years in prison for intimidating a government witness.

Others Subpenaed

Crimaldi was present at both murders, sources said, and reportedly is cooperating with investigators in return for a promise of protection.

Other persons subpenaed to appear before the grand jury are Cecil Corbett Smith, a former Municipal Court judge who quit in 1964 after being accused of having links with De Stefano's organization; Robert J. McConnell, a defense lawyer for criminal figures; and Kenneth Anderson, a former Chicago policeman.

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Police Hunt Trio in Two Murders

espread hunt was un- last night for three ndicate terrorists re- named in murder in- s in the gangland of Leo S. Foreman in d William [Action] in 1961.

ime associate of Sam long identified by police as a major juice-loan racketeer, has turned informant and told investigators that he witnessed the slayings of Foreman and Jackson, allegedly informants.

He is Charles Crimaldi, a known loan shark whose testimony earlier this year helped the government convict DeStefano of intimidating him [Crimaldi] in a narcotics case.

Crimaldi's testimony before the county grand jury has mentioned DeStefano; DeStefano's brother, Mario, and Anthony Spilotro, a bodyguard for the late Felix [Milwaukee Phil] Alderisio.

Authorities have refused to identify those charged and have suppressed the indictments pending arrests.

Foreman, a mob loan shark and pal of former Municipal Court Judge Cecil Corbett Smith, was found shot and stabbed to death in the trunk of a car parked at 5204 W. Gladys Av. Jackson also was found stuffed in a car trunk, this one on the lower level of Wacker Drive near Franklin and Wells Streets. He had been stabbed and tortured.

Crimaldi's story of murder actually began unfolding months ago. Reopening of the unsolved murder investig tions followed, with assistan from the Federal Bureau Narcotics and Dangero Drugs and the Illinois a Federal Bureaus of Investig tion.

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Solution of '61, '63 mob torture killings reported

WILLIAM JACKSON

LEO FOREMAN

By Art Petacque

The combined efforts of three investigative agencies have resulted in the solution of the long unsolved torture-murders of two widely known crime syndicate gangsters, The Sun-Times learned Tuesday.

The murders are those of Leo Foreman, whose mutilated body was found in the trunk of his auto in November, 1963, and William Jackson, known as "Action" Jackson, whose 340-pound body also was found in an auto trunk in August, 1961.

A special Cook County grand jury was empaneled recently to hear testimony concerning the murders. It was learned that targets of the grand jury investigation are Sam DeStefano, a major juice-loan racketeer; his brother, Mario, and Anthony Spilotro, a rising star in the crime syndicate who is now based in Las Vegas.

Indictments being sought

Indictments are being sought as a result of the combined investigative efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Cook County state's attorney's office and the Illinois Bureau of Investigation.

Foreman, a juice collector and political fixer, and Jackson, a syndicate terrorist, met grisly deaths because they were believed to be informing investigators of mob activities.

When the body of Foreman, then 43, was found in the auto trunk at 5204 W. Gladys, he had been shot twice and stabbed six times with what police said was an ice pick.

Death came to Jackson, then 40, even more horribly. When his naked body was taken from the trunk of an auto parked on the lower level of Wacker Dr., police said it appeared he had been hung on a meat hook and slowly beaten to death.

DeStefano ex-aide testifies

It was learned that witnesses who have appeared before the grand jury include Charles Crimaldi, a onetime lieutenant of Sam DeStefano in the high-interest loan business.

Crimaldi became disenchanted with the DeStefano juice operation and decided to cooperate with federal investigators.

Agents under Roy K. Moore, special agent in charge of the FBI's Chicago office, brought Crimaldi in contact with investigators for the Illinois Bureau of Investigation under Supt. Richard Gliebe and with the office of State's Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan.

The state's attorney's investigation is being headed by Robert Novelle, chief of the criminal division, with assistance from Novelle's deputy chief, Thomas Burnham, and Nicholas Motherway, who heads Hanrahan's organized crime prosecution unit.

Witness under heavy guard

Because Crimaldi knows the details of the DeStefano juice operation, he is considered a key source not only in the Foreman and Jackson murders but also in the possible solution of other gangland killings.

It was learned that Crimaldi is under heavy guard.

Among other witnesses subpenaed to appear before the grand jury is Robert J. McDonnell, once a crack assistant state's attorney and later a defense lawyer for the mob. McDonnell himself once became hooked on a DeStefano juice loan and has served a prison sentence for failing to file income tax returns.

Others subpenaed for testimony include Kenneth Anderson, a former Chicago policeman with crime syndicate connections, and Peter Cappelletti, a bail bondsman identified by police as DeStefano's brother-in-law, and Cecil Corbett Smith, a former Municipal Court judge who resigned from the bench under fire in 1964 when his links to Foreman and DeStefano became known.

Links bared by Sun-Times

The links between the judge and the hoodlums were revealed by The Sun-Times within

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hours after Foreman's slaying when this ewspaper printed excerpts from Foreman's iary. In the diary, studded with the names of olitician, policemen and gangsters, Foreman wrote of his frequent meetings with Judge Smith. Cash transactions between Smith and the two hoodlums also were revealed.

Another possible grand jury witness is Vito Zaccagnini, a major informant on crime syndicate matters during the 1960s. Because of his previous tattling on the mob, the government permitted Zaccagnini to seek a new life under a new name outside the United States.

The first witnesses began testifying secretly before the grand jury last Wednesday.

The FBI has been co-operating with local investigative agencies in the Foreman-Jackson murder cases under a policy instituted by FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III.

While murder is not a federal offense, the FBI has had a special reason for pursuing the murder investigations.

When Foreman's blood-spattered body was found in the auto trunk, investigators also found beneath the body a list of license plate numbers of autos used in surveillance work by agents of the Internal Revenue Service, the Secret Service and the Central Intelligence Agency, as well as the FBI.

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De Stefano earlier murder statements

By Kingsley Wood

Under questioning by crime syndicate figure Sam De Stefano, a policeman testified in Criminal Court Thursday that De Stefano had confessed two murders to him.

De Stefano, acting as his own lawyer in a bond hearing, inadvertently elicited the testimony from Lt. Donald Kelley — on the stand in the hearing relating to charges against De Stefano for the murder of Leo Foreman, whose body was found in Foreman's auto trunk on Nov. 18, 1963.

Judge Saul A. Epton pleaded with De Stefano to consult a licensed attorney before continuing with his questioning. De Stefano conferred with his co-counsel, an attorney, and then resumed his cross-examination of Kelley.

Jackson, Adler killings

Kelley testified that on one occasion, De Stefano told him he murdered Chicago hoodlum William Jackson, 40, whose badly beaten body was found in an auto trunk on the lower level of Wacker Dr. in August, 1961.

Kelley also testified that on another occasion, De Stefano told him he was the person who placed the naked body of former Chicago restaurant owner Arthur Adler, 43, in a sewer at 1625 N. Neva, in March, 1960.

Kelley said he was a homicide investigator at the time of the Jackson and Adler slayings.

After he heard the surprising testimony, the judge urged that De Stefano consult an attorney before continuing.

"You're opening doors in some areas that are not helpful to defendant De Stefano," the judge told De Stefano. But De Stefano, after a brief conference with attorney Peter W. Boznos, his co-counsel, went ahead.

Mob secrets leaked

De Stefano and his brother, Mario, are accused of repeatedly stabbing and shooting Foreman in November, 1963, after Foreman had talked to authorities about mob operations. The investigations of the Jackson and Adler murders also indicated that the killer or killers apparently feared that their victims would have leaked further mob secrets to authorities had they lived.

The body of the 340-pound Jackson had been hung from a meat hook after Jackson had leaked mob secrets to federal agents. Investigators said Jackson apparently was tortured with an electric prod. A list of the license plate numbers of the autos of federal agents was found under the body.

Adler had been a witness before a special federal grand jury before he was strangled, police said. The special jury had been investigating the influence of underworld figures on ligitimate Chicago businesses.

Who was kidding?

Thursday's testimony about the alleged confessions came as De Stefano was questioning Kelley about De Stefano's wife's testimony on Wednesday that her husband had kiddingly told several police officers he killed juice-loan collector Foreman.

Mrs. De Stefano said her husband kiddingly removed bandages placed on him after an operation and then told a policeman he had killed Foreman, despite his physical condition. She said her husband was kidding when he made the confession.

Kelley testified Thursday that he was one of the policemen who visited De Stefano's home after Foreman's body was found in November, 1963.

De Stefano asked him: "Didn't he (Sam De Stefano) turn to his wife and say he killed him (Foreman), and didn't he strain to pull off his bandages and didn't he say (he killed Foreman) in a kidding manner?"

Confusion indicated

"No, sir," Kelley replied. "That (the confession) was what you told me in the 'Action' Jackson case. That's how you (said you) killed 'Action' Jackson."

Kelley then told De Stefano that De Stefano apparently was confusing his own remarks and actions in the presence of police officers investigating the Foreman murder with his own remarks several years earlier to policemen investigating the Jackson murder.

"On another occasion," Kelley continued, "you took me through your house and you said you put the victim, Adler, through a sewer."

At that point, De Stefano asked Kelley: "How many other murders did you question Sam (De Stafano) about?"

"Just three," Kelley replied

Why no arrest?

Epton then advised De Stafano to consult with an attorney, and after huddling with Boznos, attorney for Mario D Stafano, Sam De Stafano, raising his voice to a shout, asked Kelley, "Why didn't you arre

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him (Sam De Stefano) if he confessed to a murder?"

"I remember your telling me to prove it," Kelley replied, implying that there was insufficient evidence to charge De Stafano.

Earlier Kelley testified that when he visited De Stefano's home after the Foreman murder, De Stefano "walked back and forth many times" through the house. De Stefano has contended that he was unable to walk without help at the time and that his poor health would have prevented his murdering Foreman.

Physician's testimony

Dr. Joseph Moles, De Stefano's physician, testified under questioning by Nicholas J. Motherway and Robert A. Novelle, assistant state's attorneys, that DeStefano was able to walk without help on Nov. 9, 1963, four days after he underwent an operation.

Moles testified that on Nov. 13, after the earlier operation, De Stefano's health had improved noticeably.

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ANTHONY SPILOTRO

Waiving extradition

Report return of Spilotro set

REPUTED MOB terrorist Anthony Spilotro reportedly has waived extradition in Las Vegas and is to be brought here to face murder charges along with Sam and Mario De Stefano.

This was revealed yesterday after Atty. Frank Whalen received a phone call from Spilotro, apparently asking for legal counsel. Spilotro could be brought to Chicago as early as this weekend.

The De Stefano brothers and Spilotro have been indicted by a Cook County grand jury in the Nov. 18, 1963, murder of Leo Foreman.

FOREMAN, a loan shark and friend of former Municipal Court Judge Cecil Corbett Smith, was found shot and stabbed to death in the trunk of a car at 5204 W. Gladys Av.

The indictments reportedly came after testimony from Charles Crimaldi, a loan shark turned informer whose testimony earlier this year aided the government in convicting Sam De Stefano, 63, of intimidating him in a narcotics case.

At a bond hearing for the De Stefano brothers yesterday, a Chicago police sergeant testified that microscopic particles of wood and cement found on Foreman's body were identical to samples taken from a bomb shelter in the former Westchester home of Mario De Stefano, 57.

SGT. JOHN Motzny testified before Criminal Court Judge Saul A. Epton that the police crime laboratory matched the particles from Foreman's body with those taken July 11 from the home at 2613 S. Mayfair St., Westchester.

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May bare testimony against DeStefano

By John Linstead

Criminal Court Judge Saul A. Epton was to decide Friday whether to release secret grand jury testimony linking mobster Sam DeStefano with the 1963 slaying of a juice loan collector.

DeStefano, 63, and his brother Mario, 57, are appearing in a bond hearing before Epton on charges they and Anthony Spilotro, 34, murdered Leo Foreman, whose body was found in the trunk of an auto.

Epton said he would rule Friday on a motion by Asst. State's Atty. Nicholas Motherway that the 47-page transcript be read into the record of the bond hearing, which is taking on some of the aspects of a full-fledged trial.

THE TRANSCRIPT contains testimony given Aug. 25 to a Cook County grand jury by Charles Crimaldi, a former DeStefano lieutenant who has become a star witness against the syndicate juice loan shark.

Crimaldi reportedly was present in the basement of Mario DeStefano's former home at 2613 Mayfair, Westchester, when Foreman was beaten, stabbed and shot.

On Thursday, Sgt. John Motzny, a Chicago police homicide investigator, testified that samples of wood and paint taken from a sauna room in the basement matched similar samples taken from Foreman's body and auto.

MOTZNY SAID he was present in the sauna room, which Mario had used as a nuclear fallout shelter, when the samples were taken by police crime laboratory technicians.

The technicians, Motzny testified, later told him the samples were identical with those taken from Foreman's body, and from the trunk of the auto in which his body was discovered at 5204 W. Gladys.

The third defendant in the case, Spilotro, a former associate of late syndicate chieftain Felix (Milwaukee Phil) Alderisio, is being held on the murder charge in Las Vegas, Nev., where he moved in 1971.

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Medic may refute DeStefano's 'alibi'

By Edmund J. Rooney

A physician was expected to testify Thursday to refute mobster Sam DeStefano's argument that he couldn't have taken part in the 1963 murder of Leo Foreman because he was incapacitated after surgery.

In a bond hearing, DeStefano's wife, Anita, said Wednesday that he could not walk, ride in a car or leave the house at the time Foreman's body was found in an auto trunk in November, 1963.

Mrs. DeStefano and her husband's friend, Alex Valicento, told Criminal Court Judge Saul Epton that DeStefano had to be carried from room to room while he was recovering from abdominal surgery performed in October, 1963 in West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park.

DeSTEFANO, 63, and his brother Mario, 57, are trying to convince Judge Epton to release them on bond on the murder charge.

The DeStefano brothers and Anthony Spilotro, 34, were arrested Thursday night after a Cook County grand jury indicted them for murdering Foreman, a juice loan collector, found beaten, stabbed and shot in a car trunk on the West Side.

Spilotro is in jail in Las Vegas, where he moved from Chicago in 1971.

UNDER cross-examination by Nicholas Motherway, head of the organized crime unit of the state's attorney's office, Valicento acknowledged that he owes Sam DeStefano $2,200.

Acting as his own lawyer, DeStefano frequently raised legal objections to questions by prosecutors, and the objections sometimes were sustained by Epton.

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MRS. ANITA De STEFANO

SAM De STEFANO

DeStefano's talk of murder mere jest, wife testifies

By Kingsley Wood

The wife of crime syndicate figure Sam De Stefano testified Wednesday that her husband kiddingly told several police officers he murdered juice-loan collector Leo Foreman in November, 1963.

The testimony from Mrs. Anita De Stefano came at a bail hearing in response to a question from her husband, acting as his own lawyer in the case in which he is accused of murdering Foreman after Foreman had talked to authorities about mob operations.

Mrs. De Stefano told Criminal Court Judge Saul A. Epton that her husband was on the telephone and other persons were watching television in their home when the police officers knocked on the door.

News follows knock

The knock, according to Mrs. De Stefano, came just as the TV announcer was announcing the news that Foreman's body had been found in an auto trunk and that he had been stabbed and shot twice.

In response to a question from her husband, Mrs. De Stefano said: "You (her husband) had your pajamas and a robe and blanket on. The officers were a little baffled at how sick you were.

"The officers said they were here because of what was on TV. You told them, 'I did it.' You (told the police) you helped put the victim in the son for the murder by leaving a paper underneath the body that listed the auto license numbers of federal agents then shadowing the mob.

De Stefano, his brother, Mario, and Anthony Spilotro, awaiting extradition to Chicago from Las Vegas, were arrested for the murder of Foreman, whose body was discovered in the trunk of his auto on Nov. 18, 1963.

In an interview with newsmen Wednesday prior to his court appearance, De Stefano said, "My condition of health will prove that I had nothing to do with the Foreman murder."

Later, Mrs. De Stefano testified that her husband was admitted at Oak Park's West Suburban Hospital on Oct. 27, 1963, with "a ruptured bowle" and later, on Dec. 26, 1963.

'Incapacitated'

During the intervening period when the murder occurred, Sam De Stefano remained at home "in an incapacitated condition, unable to walk," according to his wife.

She testified under cross-examination, however, that her husband played cards on one of the occasions during the intervening period when he was visited at his home by Foreman.

She said that on the first occasion when he was hospitalized, he remained in the hospital "eight days when he should have stayed on at least five to six weeks."

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Hood's slaying nightmare told

By Phillip J. O'Connor

Hoodlum Sam De Stefano used to have nightmares in which slain Leo Foreman would laugh and smile at him, informer Charles Crimaldi told a county grand jury.

Crimaldi's testimony on how Foreman was slain, made public Monday by Criminal Court Judge Saul Epton, gave a rare insight into the mob's grisly inner workings and its savageness and sadism.

Crimaldi told how Sam De Stefano, 63, lured Foreman, a mob loan collector, to his home at 1656 N. Sayre on a ruse that he was going to be given some stolen diamonds.

The informer said that Sam De Stefano played cards with Foreman before sending him to the Westchester home of De Stefano's brother, Mario, 57, where Foreman was slain in a basement bomb shelter.

CRIMALDI SAID that Sam De Stefano's dreams were apparently triggered by a smile that Foreman had on his face when he died and which remained after his death.

Crimaldi said that he, Mario and hoodlum Anthony Spilotro, 34, all shot Foreman after he had been lured to the basement bomb shelter.

The three then kicked Foreman as he lay moaning on the floor and Mario stabbed Foreman a few times with a butcher knife, the informer testified.

"Leo kept moaning and I asked Mario, why can't we kill him. I said, why can't we put a bullet behind his ear and get him out of his misery. Mario said, don't worry about it. About that time Sam walked in," Crimaldi testified.

The witness testified that Sam, who had had surgery a few weeks before was dressed in pajamas and that he "started swearing at Leo. He told him, you thought you'd get away from me. I told you I'd get you. Greed got you killed, over diamonds."

HERE IS A question and answer exchange from transcript as Crimaldi was questioned before the grand jury what happened next:

Q. What was Leo doing at this time?

A. He told Sam, please unk, oh my God.

Q. Please what?

A. Unk.

Q. What is the significance of unk?

A. Leo used to call Sam his uncle when they were on good terms and everything. Supposedly because he (Foreman) didn't have much family.

Crimaldi said that after ranting some more, Sam De Stefano took a gun and shot Foreman in the buttocks. Crimaldi's testimony before the jury then continued:

Q. What happened then?

A. Mario (De Stefano) stabbed him a few more times and Leo kind of stopped moving.

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Q. What if anything did you see?

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A. Sam said he was going and that we knew what to do with him (Foreman), he would talk to us later.

Q. Did Tony Spilotro do any of the cutting?

A. Yes.

Q. In other words, they were taking turns cutting him.

A. Yes.

Crimaldi, when asked what comment was made about Foreman's death smile, replied, "Sam said, look at him, he's laughing at us, and felt like he was glad he died."

CRIMALDI, IN the 47 pages of transcript, also told how he accompanied Sam De Stefano to a Forest Park bar, where Sam got permission from Sam Giancana, then the mob's operating director, to kill Foreman.

The informer said that he took part in two previous searches for Foreman to kill him, but that Foreman could not be found in his usual haunts on either occasion.

The transcript was admitted into evidence at a bail hearing for the De Stefano brothers, who along with Spilotro are charged with Foreman's murder. The brothers later withdrew their request for bail.

Foreman's body was found in an auto trunk at 5204 W. Gladys Nov. 19, 1963. Crimaldi testified Foreman, then 43, was slain the previous Nov. 14.

Spilotro returned here

Anthony Spilotro, the third mobster charged with the 1963 murder of Leo Foreman, arrived at the Cook County Jail under heavy guard Monday night.

He was brought here from Las Vegas by several deputy U.S. marshals.

Spilotro, and Sam and Mario De Stefano are accused of torturing and murdering Foreman, a mob loan collector.

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He guesses point

In an attempt to convince the judge that the remark about his being responsible for the torture-murder was a remark made in jest, De Stefano immediately asked his wife:

"Didn't your husband rip out bandages (placed on him as a result of a previous operation)? Wasn't it done in a jesting mood?"

"Yes," Mrs. De Stefano replied.

Investigators in the Foreman case said that the killers left little doubt about the rea-

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Gangland Revenge Described to Court

BY ROBERT NOLTE

Gangland figure Charles Crimaldi, speaking in a hushed, trembling voice, testified yesterday that he and three other crime syndicate figures shot and stabbed Leo Foreman to death on Nov. 14, 1963.

Crimaldi told how he, loan shark Sam De Stefano, 63; De Stefano's brother, Mario, 57, and Anthony Spilotro, 34, former triggerman for late mob chieftain Felix [Milwaukee Phil] Alderisio, murdered Foreman at Mario De Stefano's Westchester home.

The De Stefano brothers and Spilotro are charged with the murder, but Crimaldi, a former crony of Sam De Stefano, has been granted immunity from prosecution for his testimony.

Flanked by three gun-carrying guards and also protected by at least a dozen Illinois Bureau of Investigation agents, Crimaldi testified at the bond hearing of Anthony Spilotro.

Crimaldi testified he has received $200 in cash weekly for the last 15 weeks from the Illinois Bureau of Investigation for a total of $3,000.

He explained that he received the compensation because he was unable to work while under heavy guard.

Disclosure of the payments triggered loud gasps from the courtroom's second row, where the families of Sam and Mario De Stefano were seated.

Crimaldi testified before Judge Robert J. Collins that Sam De Stefano told a dying Leo Foreman that "greed got you killed."

Sam De Stefano reportedly was angry because Foreman had not repaid a debt he owed him. Foreman, also in the juice loan business and a fence for stolen goods, was lured to the bomb shelter of Mario De Stefano's home at 2613 S. Mayfair Av., Westchester, on the pretense he would receive a batch of stolen diamonds to fence, Crimaldi testified in a recent grand jury hearing.

Crimaldi testified that Foreman walked into the bomb shelter and "Mario pulled a gun, I pulled my gun. We fired. Tony was in there too, and he fired. We fired together.

"Then Mario took a knife, cut Leo's belt, and took down his pants," said Crimaldi.

"Then Sam came in," he said. Sam De Stefano threatened to shoot Foreman in the groin, but then shot him in the buttocks, Crimaldi said.

"Tony stabbed him a few times. Mario stabbed him a few times, then cut some flesh from his arm," said Crimaldi.

"I told you I'd get you for this," Crimaldi quoted Sam De Stefano as saying.

Cross-examined by Spilotro's attorney, Frank Whalen, Crimaldi admitted he had lied to police after the slaying in a statement he made in December, 1963, less than a month after Foreman's body was found in the trunk of his car.

The judge, tho commenting that Crimaldi "has refused to answer certain questions before me and admitted being an accomplice [to the murder]," ruled bond would be allowed and set it at $50,000.

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Spilotro free on bond in murder case

A Criminal Court judge Thursday freed on bail a man accused of torturing and murdering Leo Foreman, a juice-loan collector.

The defendant, released on $50,000 bond by Judge Robert J. Collins, is Anthony Spilotro, one of three men accused of killing Foreman and then stuffing his body in the trunk of an auto.

Judge's explanation

Two prosecutors stormed out of the courtroom when Collins announced his ruling, and State's Atty. Edward V. Hanrahan issued an angry statement on the matter.

The judge said he was allowing bail because the state had produced no evidence that Spilotro had a previous criminal record and because a key prosecution witness had refused to answer an important question for fear of incriminating himself.

Charles Crimaldi, a crime syndicate figure, testified for the state that he had taken part in the slaying.

Hanrahan's protest

Hanrahan said his office was "astounded by Judge Collins' decision."

The state's attorney said his office believes the evidence, including the Crimaldi testimony, "makes the proof evident and the presumption great that Anthony Spilotro is guilty of the murder of Leo Foreman.

"Therefore, under the law, he is not entitled to bond."

Other defendants in the case are Sam DeStefano and his brother, Mario. Both are seeking release on bond. Spilotro's case was the first to be considered.

The defendants all are accused of repeatedly stabbing and shooting Foreman after the victim had talked to authorities about mob operations.

Agent: Spilotro said he had met witness

A state agent testified Wednesday that Anthony Spilotro previously admitted knowing the key prosecution witness in Spilotro's forthcoming murder trial.

Spilotro, 34, one of three defendants accused of the 1963 torture-murder of juice-loan collector Leo Foreman, testified at a bail hearing Tuesday that he had never met the witness, Charles Crimaldi.

On Wednesday, Illinois Bureau of Investigation Agent Gerald Lewandowski testified about a conversation the agent had with Spilotro on an airplane.

Lewandowski testified that Spilotro told him on the plane that he and Crimaldi were acquaintances.

Met '6 or 7 times'

"Spilotro stated he . . . couldn't understand why Crimaldi would say the things (Crimaldi allegedly had said) about him, because they had only met six or seven times," the agent said.

"Spilotro told me he talked with Crimaldi on those occasions but that he didn't consider Crimaldi a close friend of his," the agent added.

Lewandowski said he accompanied Spilotro on the Sept. 14 plane trip to Chicago from Las Vegas, Nev., where Spilotro had been arrested.

Rights explained

Defense lawyer Frank Whalen asked Judge Robert J. Collins to ignore all of the testimony on the ground that agents did not advise Spilotro on the plane about his constitutional right not to volunteer information. The judge denied the request after the agent said Spilotros' rights had been explained to him in a Las Vegas area jail before the plane trip.

The victim in the murder case was shot in the bomb shelter of the home of one of the other defendants, Mario DeStefano, according to Crimaldis' testimony before the August county grand jury. The testimony was made public in a later court proceeding.

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New Evidence Told in De Stefano Charge

BY THOMAS POWERS
AND JERRY CRIMMINS

Authorities say they have obtained evidence from the basement of the former Cicero home of Mario De Stefano which will corroborate the eyewitness testimony of a gangster that De Stefano's brother, Sam, killed Leo Foreman there in 1963.

The evidence reportedly includes microscopic blood specks and cement particles from the floor and walls of the basement of Mario's former home at 1304 S. Cicero Av., Cicero, which were compared with particles found on Foreman's clothing when his body was discovered in the trunk of his auto Nov. 18, 1963.

Three Are Indicted

The evidence gathered by Chicago police crime laboratory technicians plus a combined investigation by the Illinois Legislative Investigating Commission, the Illinois Bureau of Investigation, and the Chicago homicide squad resulted in the murder indictments Thursday of Sam, 63, ranking loan shark racketeer; Mario, 57, a juice collector for Sam; and Anthony Spilotro, 34, a triggerman for the late Felix [Milwaukee Phil] Alderisio.

In addition, the Cook County grand jury has heard testimony from several friends of Sam De Stefano to whom he allegedly bragged about the murder. This testimony dovetails with the story told by Charles Crimaldi once a trusted enforcer for Sam De Stefano, who decided to become a prosecution witness after Sam threatened to kill him in January as they met in the Dirksen Federal Building.

Recalls Phone Call

According to Crimaldi Sam De Stefano telephoned Foreman, 42, the night of Nov. 14, 1963, and told him to come to De Stefano's home at 1656 N. Sayre Av., saying he had some stolen jewelry he wanted Foreman to fence.

Sam and Mario De Stefano put guns on him and drove him to the Cicero home of Mario De Stefano and dragged him into the basement, where Crimaldi and Spilotro met them, Grimaldi said.

According to Crimaldi, Sam De Stefano first knocked Foreman unconscious with a baseball bat blow to the head. Then he ordered the three to pull his shirt and jacket over his head and his pants down to the knees.

At the 1966 hearings, using Cimraldi's information as a background, Siragusa asked Sam De Stefano a series of questions about the Foreman murder and he invoked the Fifth Amendment each time.

The questions included whether De Stefano fired a pistol into Foreman's head, right shoulder, right forearm, and left buttock; inflicted stab wounds in his chest, right arm, and left side; and ordered his body put in the trunk of Foreman's car and delivered to 5208 Gladys Av., where it was found.

Sam and Mario pleaded innocent when they appeared yesterday before Acting Chief Judge Richard J. Fitzgerald of Criminal Court. They were returned to the County Jail after Judge Saul A. Epton set a hearing for Wednesday morning on the motions for release on bail.

Calls It "Straw Case"

Spilotro was taken into custody in Las Vegas by local police and IBI agents, and efforts are under way to extradite him to Chicago for trial.

Sam De Stefano who was at liberty on an appeal bond for a 3½ year sentence for intimidating a government witness and under federal indictment for illegal possession of firearms, described the newest charge against him as "a nine-year-old case built out of straw" by Mr. Siragusa."

This was a reference to Charles Siragusa, executive director of the Illinois Legislative Investigating Commission who reportedly convinced Crimaldi to testify against the De Stefanos and Spilotro.

Details Spelled Out

The details of the gruesome murder were spelled out in public hearings conducted in 1966 by Siragusa when he was executive director of the Illinois Crime Investigating Commission and are a public record. The information came from various underworld sources, but Sam De Stefano invoked the Fifth Amendment in answer to the questions and so did Crimaldi.

Meanwhile, another crony of Sam De Stefano, Sam Gallo, 51, was sentenced to 17 months in the County Jail by Judge Louis B. Garippo for contempt in refusing to testify before the grand jury that indicted the De Stefanos and Spilotro. Gallo, now serving 3 to 5 years in Stateville for usury, had balked about discussing the murder and was granted immunity by Judge Fitzgerald.

Judge Garippo ordered the 17 months to be served in the County Jail after Gallo completes his prison sentence.

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DeStefanos renew request for bail

Crime syndicate figures Sam and Mario DeStefano Thursday renewed their request for bail in an appearance before a new judge assigned to the Leo Foreman murder case.

The DeStefano brothers had previously withdrawn their request for bail when the case was before Criminal Court Judge Saul A. Epton on Monday.

This action came after prosecuting attorneys had offered into evidence secret grand jury testimony against the DeStefano brothers and a third defendant, Anthony Spilotro, 34. A defense lawyer expressed fears that if the grand jury test-testimony by Charles Crimaldi became a part of the court record, newspapers would publish Crimaldi's vivid account of the 1963 torture-murder of Foreman.

Judge Epton ruled on Monday that bail would be denied. But he also allowed the Crimaldi testimony to become part of the court record.

On Thursday, the 63-year-old Sam DeStafano personally handed Epton copies of newspaper articles describing Crimaldi's testimony about the murder, which allegedly occurred in the home of Mario DeStafano, 57. Sam DeStefano then asked Judge Epton to step out of the case.

Attorney Harry J. Busch made a similar request on behalf of Mario. Epton then sent all three defendants back to the assignment judge, who transferred the case to Judge Robert J. Collins.

Spilotro filed his first request for bail before Collins on Thursday. The judge then scheduled a bail hearing for all three defendants for 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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'Tells brutal killing of 'juice' hood

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Sam DeStefano ranted at Foreman.

HERE IS A question and answer exchange from the transcript as Crimaldi was questioned before the grand jury on what happened next.:

Q. What was Leo doing at this time?

A. He told Sam, please unk, oh my God.

Q. Please what?

A. Unk.

Q. What is the significance of unk?

A. Leo used to call Sam his uncle when they were on good terms and everything. Supposedly because he (Foreman) didn't have much family.

CRIMALDI said that after ranting some more, Sam De Stefano took a gun and shot Foreman in the buttocks. Crimaldi's testimony continued under questioning before the jury:

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A. Yes.

Q. What if anything did you see?

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A. Yes.

Q. In other words, they were taking turns cutting him?

A. Yes. . . .

Q. Now after Sam left, what happened then?

A. We took off Leo's coat and suit coat and that's when Mario cut his arm. And then, that's when we were going to take him out and put him in his car, carry him out. We dragged him out and threw his clothes in the car. . . .

Crimaldi testified that the murder took place in a nuclear fallout shelter in the basement of Mario's former home in suburban Westchester.

THE INFORMER said that he, Mario and Spilotro all shot Foreman after Foreman was first lured to Sam's house and then to Mario's house on the pretext that he was going to be given some stolen diamonds.

Crimaldi was also asked about a smile that Foreman had on his face when he died.

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Tells brutal killing of 'juice' hood

By Lu Palmer

Hoodlum Sam DeStefano stood over mob loan collector Leo Foreman, cursed him as Foreman lay wounded, and then shot him in the buttocks, informer Charles Crimaldi told a county grand jury.

Crimaldi's dramatic story of Foreman's slaying was in grand juty testimony made public Monday. Criminal Court Judge Saul Epton ordered the testimony entered into evidence at a bail hearing for DeStefano, 63, and his brother, Mario, 57.

Crimaldi's version of Foreman's murder was a tale of sadism and savagery, giving a rare insight into the grisly workings of the crime syndicate.

DISCUSSING Sam DeStefano's actions, Crimaldi told the jury: "He started swearing at Leo. He told him, you thought you'd get away from me. I told you I'd get you.

"Greed got you killed, over diamonds. Crimaldi said Foreman had been lured into a trap by the promise of stolen diamonds.)

Crimaldi said that he, Mario DeStefano, and hoodlum Anthony Spilotro, who has been charged with the DeStefano brothers with Foreman's murder, were standing by as

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DeStefano victim died smiling

Gory '63 murder told to court

Y MICHAEL GARRETT

WHEN CRIME syndicate enforcer Leo oreman was tortured to death nine years go, he died with a smile on his lips.

The death smile and other grisly details f the lurid 1963 torture-murder were made ublic yesterday at a bond hearing for eputed mob chieftain Sam DeStefano and is brother Mario.

The DeStefano brothers and a henchman, Anthony Spilotro, have been charged with he savage slaying.

Charles Crimaldi, who confessed to his part in the torture-murder under a grant of immunity from prosecution, told a Cook County grand jury that Foreman, 43, was shot repeatedly, knifed, and kicked before he succumbed with a smile on his face.

CRIMALDI, 39, a former juice racketeer under Sam DeStefano, told how flesh was hacked from Foreman's body after he was dead.

Criminal Court Judge Saul A. Epton ordered the complete 47-page transcript of Crimaldi's testimony entered in the record of the bond hearing over Sam DeStefano's strenous objections.

Crimaldi had testified that Foreman was killed for refusing to share his lucrative take from juice loan operations with the 63-year-old DeStefano who, Crimaldi said, was in charge of the loan racket in the Chicago area.

Crimaldi described DeStefano as a "free-lance" operator who had been given special permission by the crime syndicate to run the juice racket independent of the mob.

FOREMAN, ACCORDING to Crimaldi, was tortured and slain in the bomb shelter of Mario DeStefano's home.

Sam DeStefano was the first to comment on the death smile that has returned to haunt the mob loan shark and his codefendants, according to Crimaldi's testimony. The transcript reads:

Q.—When you last saw Leo Foreman in the bomb shelter, after he was dead, when you carried the body out, did you notice something unusual about Leo Foreman's face? A.—He had a smile on his face.

Q.—What comment was made about that fact, that he had a smile? A.—Sam said: "Look at him [Foreman]. He's laughing at us," and felt like he [Foreman] "was glad he died."

CRIMALDI'S TESTIMONY indicates that DeStefano took pleasure in mentioning "the smile on Leo's face" to other juice loan victims. According to the transcript:

Q.—Were you present on occasion when Sam would mention that to other people, about the smile on Leo's face or Leo's smiling? A.—Sam told me he had called a couple of people and told them. This was before the body was even found.

Q.—Did he tell you who he had called? A. Bill Roberts, [Shifty] Roberts. He said he called and told him that he had a real bad dream and it was some kind of nightmare. It was so weird that he [DeStefano] woke And in his dream he was dreaming he seen Leo laying in the trunk laughing, ing at him. He [DeStefano] said in his dream he dreamt that Bill Roberts would pass Leo going and coming to work every day.

A.—Sam told you he had told this to Roberts? A.—Yes.

Q.—At that time when he told that to Roberts, was Roberts on juice to Sam? A.—Yes.

A.—Was he behind in his payments? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did Sam tell you why he told "Shifty" about the dream? A.—Yes. When they found the gody he wouldn't have any more trouble with Bill Roberts paying.

Q.—Did Sam tell you he told other people about the same thing? A.—Yes.

THE GRIM TALE of sadism and savagery in Mario's nuclear fallout shelter was even too much for him, Crimaldi testified. With the wounded, groveling Foreman on the floor, Crimaldi recounted:

"Mario took a knife and cut Leo's belt and toook his gun and holster off and pulled his pants down. Mario stabbed him a few times and Tony kicked him and I kicked him.

"Leo was moaning: Oh, My God. Please. Oh, My God. . . .

"Leo kept moaning and I asked Mario, "Why can't we put a bullet behind his ear and get him out of his misery?"

At this point, Sam DeStefano entered the execution shelter, according to Crimaldi's testimony.

"Leo told Sam, 'Please Unc. Oh, My God.' " Crimaldi continued. [Leo at one time affectionaley called Sam DeStefano "Uncle," Crimaldi explained.]

DeSTEFANO, DRESSED in pajamas, paid no attention to Foreman's death pleas, according to the transcript:

Q.—What happened then? A.—Sam took the gun and held it to. . . . He turned him [Leo] around and shot him in his buttocks. . . . Mario stabbed him a few more times and Leo kind of stopped moving."

It was shortly afterward that Sam DeStefano noticed that the dead man's features had relaxed into a "smile," according to the Crimaldi transcript.

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De Stefano trial evidence

Foreman killing story

BY MICHAEL GARRETT

A DETAILED narrative of how reputed mobster Sam De Stefano allegedly ordered and thhen helped carry out the 1963 murder of an underworld fence was disclosed today in Criminal Court.

The step-by-step tale of the killing of Leo Foreman, whose body was found in the trunk of his car Nov. 18, 1963, was contained in the transcript of testimony given by Charles Crimaldi before the county grand jury.

Crimaldi, aformer enforcer for De Stefano, 63, loan shark racketeer, is the chief state witness in the Foreman murder case. De Stefano, his brother, Mario, 57, and Anthony Spilotro, 34, underworld triggerman, were iindicted last week and charged with the slaying.

UNDER QUESTIONING before the grand jurry, Crimaldi alleged that Sam De Stefano wanted Foreman killed because he owed De Stefano about $5,000.

Asked if Sam had mentioned before the execution how he intended to force Foreman to pay, Crimaldi testified:

"A couple of times he [Sam] mentioned, break his legs, hit him with a baseball bat."

Crimaldi testified thatSam gotpermission to have Foreman killed from Sam [Mooney] Gianccana, then local head of the crime ssyndicate.

After conferring with Giancana in a Forest Park restaurant identified as the Armory Lounge, Crimaldi testified De Stefano said he received permission to kill Foreman, but not Capoletti. Concerning Enfelice, De Stefano said he was told to use his own discretion, according to Crimaldi.

ATTEMPTS TO KILL Foreman in July, and August of 1963 failed, according to Crimaldi.

On Nov. 14, 1963, De Stefano lured Foreman to Mario's home, then at 1304 S. Cicero Av., Cicero, saying he had some stolen diamonds he wanted Foreman to dispose of, according to Crimaldi.

Crimaldi then gave this account:

"As we got into the bomb shelter [in the basement] Mario pulled his gun and I pulled my gun. We fired and there was another shot from inside. I side-stepped Mario and Tony Spilotro was in there with his gun he had fired."

"LEO KEPT moaning," Crimaldi testified, "and I asked Mario 'why can't we kill him?' "

That's when Sam De Stefano walked in, wearing pajamas, Crimaldi testified.

De Stefano rolled Foreman over, Crimaldi testified, and shot him in the buttocks. "Mario stabbed him a few more times and Leo kind of stopped moving," Crimaldi said.

THE DISCLOSURE of Crimaldi's grand jury testimony came at a hearing into De-Stefano's plea to be released on bond. De Stefano dropped the motion after Judge Saul A. Epton in Criminal Court admitted the transcript into evidence.

Crimaldi decided to become a prosecution witness after Sam threatened to kill him last January when they met in the Dirksen Federal Building.

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fano and his brother, re accused of repeat- obbing and shooting in November, 1963, reman had talked to authorities about mob operations. The investigations of the Jackson and Adler murders also indicated that the killer or killers apparently feared that their victims would have leaked further mob secrets to authorities had they lived.

The body of the 340-pound Jackson had been hung from a meat hook after Jackson had leaked mob secrets to federal agents. Investigators said Jackson apparently was tortured with an electric prod. A list of the license plate numbers of the autos of federal agents was found under the body.

Adler had been a witness before a special federal grand jury before he was strangled, police said. The special jury had been investigating the influence of underworld figures on ligitimate Chicago businesses.

Who was kidding?

Thursday's testimony about the alleged confessions came as De Stefano was questioning Kelley about De Stefano's wife's testimony on Wednesday that her husband had kiddingly told several police officers he killed juice-loan collector Foreman.

Mrs. De Stefano said her husband kiddingly removed bandages placed on him after an operation and then told a policeman he had killed Foreman, despite his physical condition. She said her husband was kidding when he made the confession.

Kelley testified Thursday that he was one of the policemen who visited De Stefano's home after Foreman's body was found in November, 1963.

De Stefano asked him: "Didn't he (Sam De Stefano) turn to his wife and say he killed him (Foreman), and didn't he strain to pull off his bandages and didn't he say (he killed Foreman) in a kidding manner?"

Confusion indicated

"No, sir," Kelley replied. "That (the confession) was what you told me in the 'Action' Jackson case. That's how you (said you) killed 'Action' Jackson."

Kelley then told De Stefano that De Stefano apparently was confusing his own remarks and actions in the presence of police officers investigating the Foreman murder with his own remarks several years earlier to policemen investigating the Jackson murder.

"On another occasion," Kelley continued, "you took me through your house and you said you put the victim, Adler, through a sewer."

At that point, De Stefano asked Kelley: "How many other murders did you question Sam (De Stafano) about?"

"Just three," Kelley replied.

Why no arrest?

Epton then advised De Stafano to consult with an attorney, and after huddling with Boznos, attorney for Mario De Stafano, Sam De Stafano, raising his voice to a shout, asked Kelley, "Why didn't you arrest him (Sam De Stefano) if he confessed to a murder?"

"I remember your telling me to prove it," Kelley replied, implying that there was insufficient evidence to charge De Stafano.

Earlier Kelley testified that when he visited De Stefano's home after the Foreman murder, De Stefano "walked back and forth many times" through the house. De Stefano has contended that he was unable to walk without help at the time and that his poor health would have prevented his murdering Foreman.

Physician's testimony

Dr. Joseph Moles, De Stefano's physician, testified under questioning by Nicholas J Motherway and Robert A Novelle, assistant state's attorneys, that DeStefano was able to walk without help on Nov. 9 1963, four days after he underwent an operation.

Moles testified that on Nov 13, after the earlier operation De Stefano's health had improved noticeably.

Hopes for Change in Washington

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Mob Sweats at Government Heat

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Jackie [The Lackey] Cerone . . . once a possible successor in the Chicago leadership.

BY BOB WIEDRICH
Tower Ticker Columnist

Chicago Mafia leaders are praying for a change of administrations in Washington next month.

The mobsters hope that if enough ballots bounce Sen. George McGovern's way Nov. 7, he'll name someone like former Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark to head the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Their hopes don't imply a sellout by Clark or McGovern.

The gangsters and their lawyers just think that if Clark is named, the emphasis of FBI investigations will be shifted from hoodlums to civil rights and antitrust cases, both favorites of the quite liberal Clark.

Some of the boys have been overheard discussing exactly that topic as they view a future for their rackets made bleak by the events of recent years.

The Windy City underworld is hurting from the repeated blows of law enforcement agencies. And business is just awful.

Death and the penitentiary have decimated the leadership of Chicago's Mafia. A long-time observer of the hoodlum scene reports on the crisis following the recent death of Paul [The Waiter] Ricca.

The boys aren't concerned about the outcome of the election because of their politics. They couldn't care less about that aspect.

What has made their hairy ears perk up are statements by Sen. McGovern that he believes Clark is qualified to head the FBI and is the kind of man he'd like to have in his cabinet.

The prayers for changes are in essence the same they offered up after President John F. Kennedy named his rackets-busting brother, Bobby, attorney general of the United States.

During his tenure as the nation's

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Anthony [Big Tuna] Accardo . . . sole surviving elder statesman.

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Mob Sweats at Government Heat; Hopes for a Change

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chief legal officer, Bobby Kennedy made no bones about giving the gangsters both barrels. It is an era they have yet to forgive or forget.

What's happened to the mob is quite simple.

High Command Decimated

Like any multimillion dollar business, the wind went out of its sails when a process of attrition—largely due to death and the penitentiary — virtually decimated its high command.

A good example is the once lucrative gambling and loan-sharking empire assembled with loving care over a decade by Jackie [The Lackey] Cerone, now a five-year tenant of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, thanks to a 1970 conviction for interstate gambling.

For a time, Cerone was viewed as the obviously talented successor to the vacant throne of Chicago crime syndicate operating director, one of the most powerful posts in the National Brotherhood of Crime that spans the United States.

But then Cerone, a man described by FBI agents as a cold-blooded, vicious killer, went off to jail, and his top lieutenants, Joseph [Joe Gags] Gagliano and William [Wee Willie] Messino, failed him.

No One to Take Over

Messino went to Stateville Penitentiary on a loan-sharking rap, and Gagliano suffered a fatal heart attack. And since the Cerone Mafia cell was essentially led by a closely knit, three-man command structure, the Cerone rackets empire began to crumble.

Proof of that illicit pudding is to be found in the conviction of one of Cerone's underlings just a few months after the boss got the boot from Uncle Sam.

Chris Cardi, a former Chicago policeman turned bad guy, was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for having a hand in selling heroin to a government undercover man.

Joseph [Jo Gags] Gagliano . . . suffered a fatal heart attack.

In the old days, that tie-in would never have been tolerated by the Mafia high command. In the strictly structured underworld, only certain mobsters got involved in the narcotics traffic The Cerone gang was not among those so anointed.

But Cardi and his colleagues found themselves so hard pressed after their leaders left them out on a limb that they turned to any way to make a fast buck. And got caught in the act of doing so.

Like other cells of the Chicago Mafia, the lower echelon punks had neither the brains nor the expertise to survive once their leaders were taken from them. The grizzled veterans of the Capone era and the Black Hand were the guys with the know-how. The younger set just couldn't cut the mustard.

Not Made of the Same Stuff

Few of the young bloods can be trusted by the few remaining Mafiosi like Anthony [Big Tuna] Accardo, the sole surviving elder statesman of the local mob.

They're not the men their elders were. Some have actually wept when collared by police or federal agents. And worse yet, some have tasted the very forbidden fruit that brought untold millions to the mob—hard drugs, heroin, cocaine, and hashish. A few others are pill heads.

Just recently, the son of one top West Side loan shark was taken to the emergency room of a suburban hospital by his mother who had discovered the rackets of some of her husband's friends had finally come home to roost. Her own son was a junkie, off on a heroin trip.

Even the toughened Tony Accardo must shake his head while viewing his two adopted sons. Anthony Ross Accardo is in the travel business on the West Side; brother Joseph is living near Old Town, sports an Afro hairdo, and scoots about town astride a motorcycle instead of a Cadillac or Mark IV Continental.

Cut Gambling, Juice

But, more important, federal, state, and local authorities have relentlessly hammered at the gambling and loan-sharking operations of the mob, two major sources of gangster revenue, and have dispatched legions of mob leaders to imprisonment. Legalized wiretapping has virtually reduced the hoodlums to discussing their business affairs via smoke signals.

Every conceivable way of chopping off the Mafia's legs has been utilized. But just like some monster capable of self-regeneration, the mob is regrouping, using the remaining talent at hand and exploring new avenues of illicit endeavor to perpetuate a criminal organization spawned in the hot Mediterranean sun more than two centuries ago.

The boys aren't about to give up that easily. More about that tomorrow.

For Against Vote Board

Chicago Mafia Hurting for Top-Flight Leaders

Death and the penitentiary have decimated the leadership of Chicago's Mafia. A long-time observer of the hoodlum scene gives his second report.

BY BOB WIEDRICH

Tower Ticker Columnist

Gus [Slim] Alex, the golden Greek of gangland, must feel like a cross between a Yo-Yo and a Ping-Pong ball.

First, his colleagues dispatch him on a well-earned work-play vacation in the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., sun, there to bask by a $50,000 condominium while helping fill the void in the Miami mob leadership created when gangster Meyer Lansky took it on the lam to Tel Aviv last year.

Then back in Chicago, Paul [The Waiter] Ricca decides to die Oct. 11, just at a time when the midwestern Cosa Nostra is really hard up for talent and a man with an evil brain such as Ricca is much in demand.

So what happens to Alex's idyllic existence?

Gets Orders to Pack

Well, first off he has to come back North for the funeral and the fall season's first cold snap. Then Anthony [Big Tuna] Accardo, the only mobster in town with any real smarts left, informs Alex at the wake that he's to pack up and come home. The Mafia needs him.

Now this decision is not one Accardo reached on the spur of the moment while mourning the death of his closest friend. There's a good chance he and Ricca discussed the matter while there was still life and breath in the 74-year-old Italian-born gangster.

Alex, Accardo tells him, will assume the role of adviser in a triumvirate composed of Alex, Joseph [The Doves] Aiuppa, semiretired Cicero rackets boss, and Charles [Chuck] Nicoletti, protege of the now dead, frigid-eyed triggerman Felix [Milwaukee Phil] Alderisio.

Gus [Slim] Alex . . . the Mafia needs him.

Aiuppa and Nicoletti will emerge as the real honchos of the day-to-day operations of the mob, mainly because of their Mediterranean descent, a highly prized requisite in Mafia circles.

Not All the Way for Alex

Alex, of course, can never aspire to the throne of crime syndicate operating director because of his heritage from the islands of the Aegean Sea.

But because Alex has served long and loyally as the gambling boss of the rackets-riddled 1st Ward in Chicago's Loop area and has remarkable connections and influence in both labor and political arenas, it will be his job to point out the flaws and the flourishes of the decisions Aiuppa and Nicoletti will make under Accardo's command.

For the moment, Accardo declares, gangland affairs will remain status quo. He issues a no-violence edict and warns no one is to rock the boat and attract public or official attention to the mob.

No one will assume the mantle of operating director. The time is not ripe for a single strongman to run the operation.

Promotion—and Defeat

For Alex, it is a heady promotion, and at the same time a dashing defeat.

On the one hand, Alex now ascends to a position held by few outsiders in his lifetime. The late Murray [The Camel] Humphreys, a congenial Welshman, was one who rose to become a top political fixer. And the equally late Jake [Greasy Thumb] Guzik, a Jew, was another. He became secretary treasurer.

On the other hand, Alex must now desert his condominum by the sea and return with his bride of nearly four years, handsome, blonde Dietgard Fugers, the former German fashion model he married after a six-year international courtship.

Fate and his Mafia peers have thrust upon Alex a new role, just at a time when he is about to enjoy the benefits of semiretirement. It is a fate

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Weather

CHICAGO AND VICINITY: Cloudy and windy today, with rain gradually ending; high, low to middle 50s; partly cloudy tonight; low, 40; north to northwest winds 15 to 25 m. p. h. Tomorrow: Partly sunny; high, in lower 50s. Map and other reports on page 15.

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similar to that Aiuppa must also endure, for since the Federal Bureau of Investigation dismantled his vice and gambling domain in Cicero a few years ago, Aiuppa has also sought the joys of semiretirement.

No More Simple Life

But the call is clear and will not be denied, even tho, in the words of an Alex associate, the golden blonde that Alex affectionately calls Suzie has made him a most happy fellow in the Florida sun.

"Gus," the associate reports, "has been cutting back on his 1st Ward activities. He likes the simple life. You should see him pushing a grocery cart thru the supermart."

That Aiuppa would emerge at least as an interim operating boss, altho with considerably diluted authority, appears to have been preordained. He is the only real racketeering talent around, at least until Accardo's pet, Jackie [The Lackey] Cerone, gets out of federal prison next year.

No one can tell if Ricca had a premonition of death.

But one thing for certain, it was obvious in recent months that Ricca and Accardo were engaged in high-level conferences with the Aiuppa gang, demonstrating a degree of fraternity never before viewed.

Cooperation Grows

Certainly, the Aiuppa rackets domain operated as part of the overall Chicago Mafia picture under Accardo and Ricca. Of that there was no doubt. But never before had there been such obvious cooperation.

On one occasion not long before his death, Ricca personally drove his car out to Cicero to stage a curbside conference with Larry [Little Five] Rassano, Aiuppa's trusted lieutenant, certainly an untoward action for a top Mafia banana like Ricca.

And then on a later day, Aiuppa scooted over to Accardo's lannon stone manse in River Forest for a powwow that lasted an interminable time.

Meanwhile, a fleet-footed emissary for the mob hierarchy made the rounds of such provincial gangland leaders as South Side gambling boss Ralph Pierce; Ross Prio, a North Side gambling chieftain; and Lenny Patrick, Prio's counterpart north of Devon Avenue.

Paul [The Waiter] Ricca . . . he dies just when the Mafia is hard up for talent.

Racketeers Consulted

All the signs were there to be read. Even Charles [Chuck] English, the jukebox racketeer, and his brother, Fat Sam, apparently were consulted, as was John Lardino, onetime rackets boss of Chicago area restaurant workers unions, an area that held the interest of Aiuppa for many years.

Apparently, Accardo and Ricca had become wearied of the daily demands of running a criminal cartel that slowly but surely was being knocked silly by federal, state, and local authorities. After all, they themselves had been forced to return from semiretirement.

Salvatore [Momo] Giancana had taken it on high to Cuernavaca, Mexico, abdicating his throne as operating boss after being housed in the County Jail a year for defying a federal grand jury.

And his successor, Sam [Teetz] Battaglia, had also landed in the calaboose for 15 years on interstate extortion charges, just a year after he had ascended to the throne.

So now the time had come for someone else to forsake the easy life and take up the reins of day-to-day command.

And that someone would have three heads—Aiuppa, Nicoletti, and Alex.

Tomorrow: Funeral for the mob?

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FAZIO, Louis (9-27-72) photo at B.of
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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

District No. Det. Bureau

Tues, 10/3, 19 72

REPORT

In the matter of Surveillance @ Sardino's, 1619 North Farwell

To Leo Wolfel
Inspector of Detectives

Sir:

On Tuesday, 10/3/72, @ 11^10/P17, we made a surveillance check at the Sardino's Lounge, 1619 No. Farwell Avenue. Upon driving onto the adjacent parking lot we did not observe Joe Sardino's automobile. We made inquiries with the bartender, regarding the whereabouts of Joe Sardino and were told that he didn't know where he was or when he would return.

In our observations of the patrons, we saw no one acting suspicious and observed no suspicious autos in the vicinity.

This information was referred to the late shift.

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Lt Bachmann

COMPLAINT RECEIVED
DATE OCT 4 1972
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OFFICERS .....

Respectfully submitted,
Dets James Managyk, Kenneth Henning
Squad 125 Early, Det. Bureau.

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

District No. Det. Bur.

REPORT

September 29 19 72

In the matter of Information on Louis Fazio Murder

To Leo Woelfel

Inspector of Detectives

Sir:

At 10:00 A.M. this morning, local F.B.I. Agent Charles "Chuck" Brown called me and related they had information concerning the Louis Fazio murder. They had a good informant who had been very reliable in the past, who stated the reason Louis was knocked off was as a warning to the rest of the Fazios. This was supposedly done through the direction of the Balistrieri group here.

Agent Brown further stated that the informant says that after PapaJohn (Alioto) died several weeks ago, and it was he who controlled the non-violent atmosphere in town, Frankie Balistrieri then stated that he was the head man now. It was for economic reasons - so that the Fazios would not get too strong businesswise in the city.

Agent Brown further stated there was a possibility, according to their information, that Joe Sardino could be the next victim. He asked that Joe Sardino at least be notified of this possibility and stated maybe Sardino may do some talking. I asked him if this was speculative and he said, yes it was, but he couldn't treat it lightly. I agreed and said we would meet with him later for more positive information, if possible. In the meantime, I would assign this to the proper persons on our department for evaluation and investigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Marple

KENNETH MARPLE
Deputy Inspector of Detectives

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Cpt. Kopanski etal

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OFFICERS Capt. D. Kopanski

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

District No. SAS

Friday, September 29, 19 72

REPORT

In the matter of ~~Interview - Joseph Sardino 1619 N. Farwell Av.~~

To Floyd Engebretson

Captain of Police (SAS)

Sir:

On Friday, September 29, 1972 we interviewed Mr. Joseph Sardino at his place of business, SARDINO's, 1619 N. Farwell Av. The purpose of our interview was to inform Mr. Sardino that we had received information from a reliable source that he could be the next victim to be killed. We did not tell Mr. Sardino where our information came from and he did not ask. We advised him that there would be special attention on his home and business and a close surveillance on himself and requested that he does not tell anyone about this information. He was also advised to call the detective bureau if any suspicious circumstances develope. Mr. Sardino stated that he does not intend to tell even his wife, since it could only frighten her and make her nervous. His wife is Mr. Sardino stated that he could think of no reason that someone would want to kill him since he is not involved in anything illegal or shakey in any manner. The only reason could be that someone could be jealous of his business success. We asked Mr. Sardino if he had any specific habits that could assist us in our surveillance and he informed us that he usually gets up about 8:00 or 9:00AM. Monday through Saturday he goes to his office in the basement at 1619 N. Farwell Av. to work on the books about 10:00AM. He eats lunch out most of the time and his favorite places are Sally's, Allito's on Bluemound, and Tommy Alliotos. He sometimes will get a fish fry and go to his mothers and sisters at 1922 N. Oakland Av. on Fridays and occasionally during the week he will stop there for lunch. He sometimes goes to the Jewish Center for a steam bath and lunch during the week. Monday is his banking day and he usually goes to the East Side Bank between 10:00AM and noon. He almost always arrives at the business, Sardino's, about 10:00PM where he usually stays until closing at which time he checks the parking lot and then goes upstairs to his apartment for the night. Sometimes he takes a ride about 11:00PM

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

District No._____

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In the matter of_____

To_____

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Sir:

1532 E. Belleview Pl.
to the Bull Ring Ldt. which is operated by his brother Jimmy to check on the business or to ~~Sardino's~~ South, run by his son Wayne, at 4641 S. 108th. St. Mr. Sardino has a cottage on Little Green Lake in Washington County but usually does not go there after Labor Day. He drives a gold 1971 Buick Electra J94-129 (1973 Wis). He also ownes a 1970 brown Buick Wg. that his wife drives, Lic. is unknown. He stated that he likes to golf when the weather permits and usually goes with Tommy and Tony Machi and play various courses, quite often at Tucka-way.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Brunow & Edwin Cornell

Det. Richard Brunow & Edwin Cornell

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

District No. DET

OCTOBER 2 19 72

REPORT

In the matter of SURVEILLANCE - JOSEPH SARDINO 1619 North FARWELL

To LEO WOLFEL

INSPECTOR OF DETECTIVES

Sir:

On Monday October 2, 1972 periodic checks were made on the above named subject at his place of business 1619 N. Farwell. During our tour of duty subject was not at his place of business & his bartender Tommy Alioto stated he was out for the evening. at 11:30 PM we checked & found the subject had returned & we spoke to him briefly. He stated that he thinks this surveillance is a bunch of malarkey as he has nothing to fear from anyone. stated he plans on going golfing in Traverse Oct 3, 1972 & plans to leave for the golfing at Noon. Information given to late Shift Det. Mack that Joe Sardino planned to stay at his business place until closing.

Respectfully Submitted

Det Kenneth Hennig

James Murnaghan

Sgt #125 Early

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

District No. Det. Bur.

Monday, October 2, 19 72

REPORT

In the matter of Surveillance, Joe Sardine, 1617 North Farwell

To Leo Woelfel

Inspector of Detectives

Sir:

On Monday, October 2, 1972 at about 1:30 a.m. we Went to Sardino's Lounge, 1617 North Farwell where we interviewed Joe Sardine. He informed us that he has not had any problems during the day and stated that he planed on closing the tavern at 2:00 a.m. and that it would take a few minutes to check out the cash registers. He further stated that he had no definate plans for the day time hours but that he would be at the tavern at about 4:00 p.m. He again assured us that if he received any information regarding our surveillance he would notify our Department.

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Respectfully submitted

Thomas Jacobsen

William Wolf

Squad 101 Late Shift

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

District No. DET. BUR.

SUN Oct. 1 19 72

REPORT

In the matter of INVESTIGATION - SARDINO'S - 1617 No. FARWELL AVE

To Leo WOELFEL

INSPECTOR of Detectives -

Sir:

ON Sunday Oct. 1, 1972 at 3:30 A.M. We interviewed JOE SARDINO operator of SARDINO'S LOUNGE 1617 No. FARWELL Ave regarding his planned activities for SUN. Oct. 1, 1972.

Sardino states he is running a bus trip to County Stadium for the packer game but does Not plan to attend. He thinks he will stay at his residence above the tavern all day and rest. Will probably start work at the tavern when the bus returns from the packer game at 4:00 P.M.

MR. SARDINO was advised to contact the Detective Bureau if he decides to change his plans.

Respectfully Submitted

Dets. Robert Rewis - Wm Wulf

Sgd. 101 late

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

District No. 4B

10-1- 19 72

REPORT

In the matter of Surveillance - Joe Sardino

To Leo Woelfel
~~Inspector~~ of Detectives

Sir:

On Sunday 10-1-72 during my tour of duty made periodic checks on subject. Had conversation with him at his tavern 1617 W. Forrell Av at 11:30 A.M. at which time he informed me that he would attend the Packer Football game at County Stadium in company of his wife daughter and two grandchildren at 1:00 PM date.

At 1:45 PM date viewed Joseph Sardino at the football game seated lower grandstand section 7, row 7, seat 7. Observed him until 2:30 P.M.

Stated his plans for after the game were to return to his tavern and tend to that business

Submitted
Lou Dantes
Det 2nd

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

District No. Det Bur

Sat 9-30 19 72

REPORT

In the matter of Surveillance Joseph Sardino 1619 N. Farwell

To Leo Waelfel
Inspector of Detectives

Sir:

On Sat 9-30-72 we were sent to 1619 N. Farwell regarding the surveillance of Joseph Sardino. We relieved Det. V. Partipilo and W. Vogl. and remained inside the building and kept Joseph Sardino in our observation till closing time. After checking out his tills Joseph Sardino secured the building and went upstairs to his living quarters. The bartenders let themselves out of the building when they were through with their work shortly after 2:00 AM

We were informed by Mr. Sardino that that cleaning people come to clean the building proper in the early AM between 5 & 6 AM they drive a Buick with a bronze bottom and black vinyl top.

We stationed ourselves outside the building after 2:00 AM on the south side of the parking lot.

Mr. Sardino stated that his son would be home later and would be driving a brown Ford Station Wagon.

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

District No. _____

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REPORT

In the matter of _____

To _____

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Sir:

About 3:30 AM the brown Ford Station Wagon drove into the lot where we were parked and drove around to the parking lot north side of building and also entered the building through the front entrance.

During our tour nothing unusual happened while we were inside the building with Mr Sanders or while we were parked outside in the parking lot.

We were relieved by Det's L Domke & R Baker.

Respectfully submitted
Det John J. Orlikowski
Det Richard Baier

MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

District No. D.B.

9-30-72 19 72

REPORT

In the matter of SURVEILLANCE OF JOSEPH SARDINO --- 1619 N. FARWELL AV.

To LEO WOELFEL INSPECTOR OF DETECTIVES

Sir:

ON SATURDAY 9-30-72 AT 8:00 AM RELIEVED LATE SHIFT DET'S JOHN ORLIKOWSKI & RICHARD BAIER AT 1619 N. FARWELL AV.

AT ABOUT 8:30 AM HAD CONVERSATION WITH JOSEPH SARDINO INFORMING HIM OF THE PLANT AND REQUESTI KNOWLEDGE OF HIS MOVEMENTS DURING THE DAY. MR SARDINO STATED THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THERE SHOULD BE A PLANT ON HIM, THAT IT MUST JUST BE A CASE OF ASSOCIATION WITH THE FAZIO'S HE EXPLAINED THIS BY SAYING THAT HE HAD BEEN SPENDING TIME WITH LOUIS FAZIO PLAYING GOLF, NOTHING MORE. WE ALSO HAD CONVERSATION WITH WHO ALSO COULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE SURVEILLANCE ON HER HUSBAND, STATED THAT THEY HAD NO CONNECTION WITH THE FAZIO OTHER THAI HER HUSBAND PLAYING GOLD WITH LOUIS FAZIO.

MR SARDINO AT FIRST STATED THAT HE WOULD ATTEND THE FUNERAL OF LOUIS FAZIO, LATER STATED THA HE WOULD NOT.

ON THIS DATE AT 10:50 AM INFROMED BY LT. ROY BACHMANN THAT THE PLANT HAD BEEN CANCELLED BY ORDER OF CHIEF BREIER. MR SARDINO WAS INFORMED OF THE CANCELLATION BY US IN HIS OFFICE, BASEMENT AT 1619 N. FARWELL AV.

MR SARDINO STATED THAT HE INTENDS TO APPEAR AT A WEDDING RECEPTION AT ABOUT 5:30 PM DATE AT THE MARC PLAZA HOTEL.

Submitted

Lou Daude - Roland Baier

Det Bur (S)

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

District No. Det. Bur.

REPORT

Friday, September 29th 19 72

In the matter of Surveillance, Joseph Sardino, 1617 North Farwell Ave.

To Leo Woelfel
Inspector of Detectives

Sir:

On Friday, September 29th 1972 at 7:15 PM we made contact with the subject of of this surveillance, Joseph Sardino. He was unaware of our surveillance until about 9:30 PM when he was informed by Det's E. Cornell & D. Bruno of the Special Assignment Squad. After being informed by the Special Assignemant squad that we would be about we continued our surveillance until relieved by the late shift squad, 104, Det!s J. Orlikowski & R. Baier.

Joseph Sardino is aware of the surveillance as per information from the Special Assignemnt Squad, Det's E. Cornell & D. Bruno

Respectfully submitted,
William Voyl
Vincent Partipilo
Det s Squad 118 early shift

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

District No. DET.

OCTOBER 4 19 72

REPORT

In the matter of SURVEILLANCE - JOE LARDINO

To LEO WOELFEL
INSPECTOR OF DETECTIVES

Sir:

On Wednesday Oct 4, 1972 during our tour of duty we made several periodic checks at Lardinos Lounge 1619 N. Farwell. We found the subject at his place of business & conversed with subject at 1130 hrs & he informed us that he would be at his place of business until closing.

Respectfully Submitted
Dets Kenneth Denning
James Mamerow
Sgd #125 - Early

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MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

District No. DET

OCT 5th 19 72

REPORT

In the matter of SURVEILLANCE - JOE SARDINO

To LEO WOELFEL
INSPECTOR OF DETECTIVES

Sir:

On Thursday October 5th, 1972 at 11:00 PM we interviewed Joseph Sardino at his place of business. He informed us that he planned to stay the rest of the evening until closing time at Sardino's lounge 1619 N. Farwell. He stated that nothing out of the ordinary had occured this evening.

Respectfully Submitted
Dets Kenneth Hennessy
James Monoyer
Sgt 125 - Early

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